



Geoffrey Sievert and Bob Bryant from Bryant Glass replaced the windows at Main Street Consignment with new safety glass after a shooting rampage damaged several businesses and cars on Christmas night. Stu Neilson photo

Liquor, guns and money topped the news in 2009

This time of year newspapers look back at the news of the previous 12 months, not only because the news is typically slow this time of year, but also in an attempt not to repeat the mistakes of the past, and encourage more of the great things achieved since the last time the planet rounded the sun.

2009, for Wilmington, was a year of consequences, from liquor licenses (or not) to naughty half-brothers, historical structures to environmental management and water supply, crime and sometimes no punishment. Call it the year of the elephant or the chipmunk, the great federal stimulus that wasn't, 2009 was anything but boring. Still, we're looking forward to a better 2010.

Dane Cook's Half-Brother, Darryl McCauley and his wife, Erika, remain on the hot seat for allegedly embezzling millions from the famous comedian to invest in condos and restaurants in Maine, among other things.

McCauley, arrested after an investigation in January of 2009, is due back in court early next month.

covered the ongoing denial of the Santini Family, Inc. package store license by Selectmen.

On June 6, 2008 the Santini Family, Inc. filed an application for the transfer of the All Alcohol Package Store License from B&B Liquor to the Santini Family Inc., d/b/a Sonny's Mobil on the Run at 316 Lowell Street. Selectmen denied the transfer in July 2008 following a public hearing. On appeal the ABCC decided in favor of Derek Santini and asked the Selectmen to reconsider their vote in late October. Selectmen later denied the transfer in December. In 2009 the matter went to the state superior court, which ruled on September 1 that the decision of the Selectmen stands.

Of late that liquor license continues to receive media attention after selectmen voted to deny then approve the reinstatement of the license to the

owner that tried to sell it to Santini in the first place. CONTINUED PAGE 2

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Last year's year in review

A look back at Wilmington of yesteryear

Wilmington's lost gold

BY LARZ F. NEILSON

Somewhere in Wilmington lie the bones of Sarah E. Carter, who died in May 1899 and was buried at the point of a triangular stone wall. But exactly where that might be is a mystery.

There are probably other unmarked graves in town, but the following story gives this spot significance. It is a tale about a barrel of gold coins having been found in Wilmington. It is entertaining

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to speculate where the coins might have been buried.

The story, written by Frank Furlan, appeared in the Wilmington Crusader in Oct. 1952. Mr. Furlan lived on Shawheen Avenue.

Little Sarah had a dream. She dreamed of wealth; she reveled temporarily in a superabundance of golden play things; she was supremely happy - and then she woke up. Then a couple of nights later, she had another dream. This time, her floating vision penetrated the mysteries of space, and she gazed upon stacks of golden coins. Again she had money to burn, and again, she was happy in the momentary possession of the natural element which brings joy to the heart of all of the human race - and then again, Sarah woke up.

Sarah was but a child - the daughter of a poor farmer who long ago lived on a small farm in Wilmington, Mass.

She was shy and did not like to speak of her two dreams.

To be sure, the genius of dreamland had taken special precautions in directing the wandering fancy of the child dreamer, and had even carried her range of perception to a three-cornered stone wall which surrounded her father's cow pasture, and there he had shown her a barrel filled with gold coins.

Sarah's father was a plain every-day sort of man who did not place much stock in the relative values of dreams as a matter of individual sustenance, and thus Sarah hesitated in relating the peculiar vision which had crept into her little head as she lay asleep in the attic room. During the daytime she stole to the spot where her dream had directed her, and she sat on the three-cornered stone wall and wondered where in the world all the beautiful

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Windows damaged all over town

Christmas night shooting spree

By JAYNE W. MILLER

WILMINGTON - Business owners Joe and Amy Bayles received a big lump of coal Christmas night. Awoken by an alarm company at 2:30 in the morning, they found that the windows of their Main Street business were shot-out by hooligans. They were not alone. Businesses and residents all over town found glass doors, windows, and cars shot up in a nighttime shooting spree.

"It appears someone got a shiny new Red Ryder BB gun

for Christmas," said Police Detective Lt. Christopher Neville. "But unfortunately their actions caused a great deal of inconvenience and monetary loss for many local residents and businesses."

For the Bayles, owners of Main Street Consignment at 634 Main Street, those financial consequences are more than \$3,000 between replacing four shop windows and paying a company to emergency board up the windows at 3 the morning after Christmas.

The Bayles opened their

consignment shop just seven months ago. While a modest amount of the damage will likely be covered by insurance, the rest will come out of the pockets of the business owners.

"We're a new business and we budget down to the penny. To have something like this come out of nowhere..." said Amy Bayles. "It was just to destroy property, they didn't want to break in and they did not want to steal anything. This wasn't about someone

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Census Time Again

Federal and Town Census

By JAYNE W. MILLER

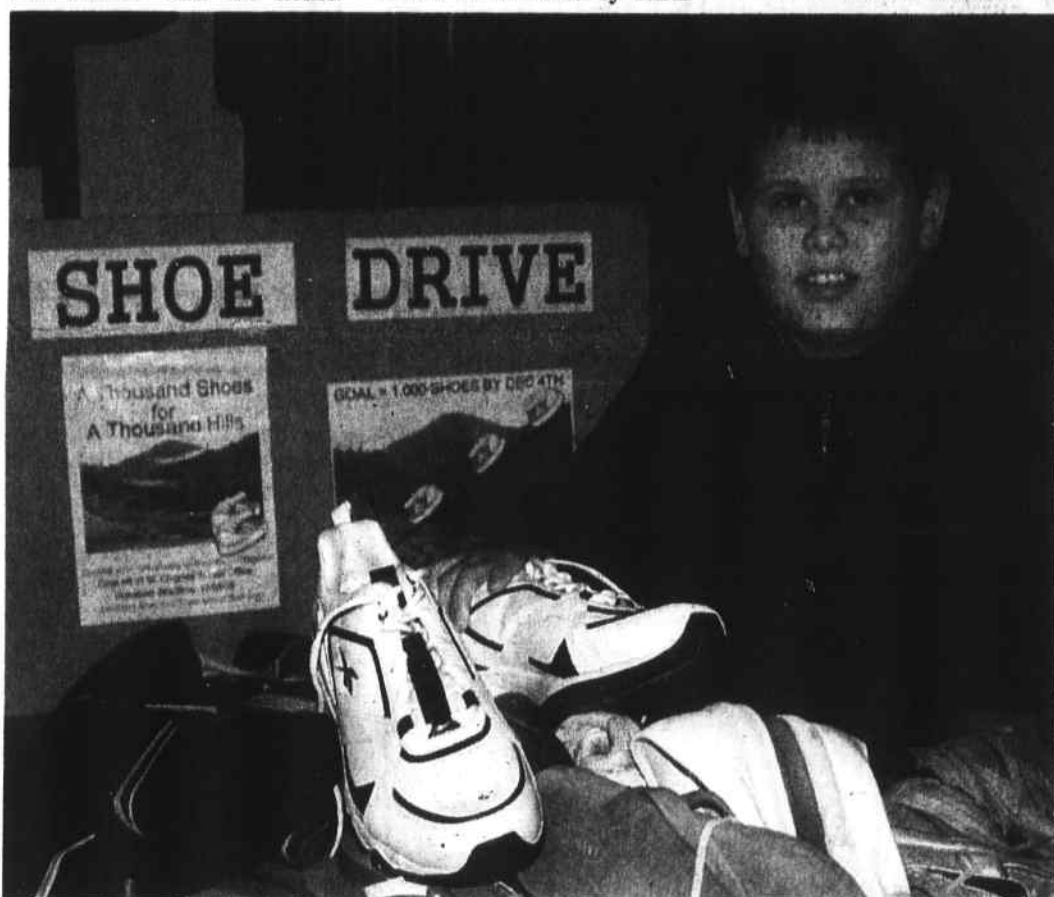
TEWKSBURY - WILMINGTON - Every ten years the federal government must do a census of the people, and 2010 is no exception. This year, however, residents will have an opportunity to avoid a census worker visit the home.

Further, the annual town census, mandated by the state of Massachusetts, will be mailed to households in the next few weeks. Prompt attention to that survey will not only keep voter information active, but also help each town's bottom line by ensur-

ing local aid is distributed equitably.

"It's really very important, it only takes two minutes," said Wilmington, Town Clerk, Sharon George. "Most census forms don't change unless a new child joins the family or

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Alex Soper, age 9, of Wilmington collected 1,000 shoes for the people of Rwanda, the place known as the land of 1,000 hills. Alex is a student of the St. Charles School in Woburn (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

A Thousand Shoes for a Thousand Hills

By DANIEL R. CHALMERS

Since taking office, President Obama has pushed for an increase in volunteer work and community service. One local resident is taking him at his word.

Alex Soper, a citizen of Wilmington, has collected one thousand shoes, which will be sent to Rwanda. Soper attends St. Charles Elementary School in Woburn. He is nine years old, and in the fourth grade.

Soper was moved into action through a combination of President Obama's urging and his parents' experiences in the African country.

Tammy and Peter Soper, his parents, spent time in Rwanda in a small village as part of a church group. After noticing that many of the people in the photographs from the trip were lacking shoes, Alex was inspired to start a collection of shoes to ship to the country.

Rwanda is recovering from a series of civil wars that have ravaged the country.

After deciding on what he intended to collect, he set his goal on one thousand shoes. Rwanda is commonly referred to as the "Land of a Thousand Hills," so Soper

decided to call his project "A Thousand Shoes for a Thousand Hills." Soper designed, created and

distributed fliers at his school and among his friends and families, including one that

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Federal and Town Census

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a parent moves in."

Even then, it only takes a moment to review the information, sign the document, and mail it or drop it of at town hall.

Wilmington residents will start seeing their census forms shortly, as George says she will mail them the first week in January. Tewksbury residents will get theirs a little later, a week before the January 19 special state election for U.S. Senate to replace the deceased Senator Ted Kennedy's seat. Town Clerk Mary Ann O'Brien Nichols decided to delay the mailing so that folks might be prompted to turn in their completed census forms to the election.

Annual census forms are pre-filled with the pertinent household information including voter status, party affiliation (and note that a 'U' stands for 'unenrolled', i.e., and independent, not 'unknown'), address, names, genders, and dates of birth of household members, school information, nationality for non US citizens, if someone is a resident, and to register a dog. Occupation information is optional.

Wilmington does not collect school information or nationality and uses a separate form to register dogs, though it will be included in the census mailing. Further, new Wilmington residents or those not registered to vote will be sent voter registration cards in their mailings.

Tewksbury and Wilmington experience different rates of participation in the census. While George says she saw a 97 percent return rate last year in Wilmington, Nichols estimates that the return rate on census forms for Tewksbury runs 80 percent, a number she hopes to see rise significantly this year, because every uncoun-

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It's Your Money

by Joyce Brisbois



LOANS WITHIN THE FAMILY

If you're the "good guy" in the family who can afford to lend to others and does, good for you. In today's economy, the advice is usually to lend carefully to avoid problems with borrowers. You need also to protect yourself from the IRS.

If you loan money and don't charge interest (not uncommon within the family), the IRS will impute interest income at the applicable federal rate and consider it taxable income to you. Recent rates range from 0.75 percent to 3.88 percent, depending on the size and length of the loan. If you lend a sizable sum to fund a home purchase or a business, your tax cost could be considerable.

Smart move: put the loan terms in writing, to be signed by both parties. This shows the IRS that the amount is not a gift subject to gift tax. Do charge interest. Important: if the loan is secured by a personal residence, file a mortgage with the county clerk so that the borrower can deduct the interest payments.

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son means less state aid to help meet the annual budget.

"The census basically says how many people in the town are using the services. When someone doesn't return their census, the consequences are more than changing the voter status from active to inactive," said Nichols. "If we don't have a census form for the people in a household, we cannot count them to the state, and therefore we do not receive local aid funding for those people from the state."

Nichols notes that information collected about children is not given out, but is exchanged with the school system. Likewise, information on student enrollment is shared back with the town, and the clerk sometimes gathers census data that way. The data is crucial to school systems that use it for districting, local aid funding, and enrollment projections.

Additionally, adds George, the census data is crucial at the federal and state levels for representative and voting districts. She notes that following the 2000 census Wilmington lost a representative. Census information is also used for the street listings, those that fail to return their census three years in a row may be dropped from the voter rolls and the street listing.

Wilmington and Tewksbury also manage the annual town census differently with Wilmington producing the form in house and Tewksbury contracts out the printing and mailing. Both clerks say they save money doing it their way.

"We are pretty diligent; I feel that by doing it in house I have more control over it. I know exactly what is going out," said George, who adds that she did not like the forms a firm the office outsourced to used. "Last year we sent out 10,500 census forms and we got back in the high 9,900's. We did very well and I keep looking at the percentage that we have back. Once we get within 90 percent I slow down, because I feel that 90 percent is very good response."

Nichols is asking every board in town to stress the importance of the census in

every meeting to help ensure that they are returned. Even if a form requires no changes, residents are encouraged to sign and return them within ten days. Like Tewksbury, Wilmington asks residents to sign and return the form within 10 days, but recognizes that they receive most of their response within 30 days. Both towns send out a subsequent mailing in early spring to encourage folks to either drop off or mail their forms.

Later in the spring, around April 1, the federal census will be mailed to households across the country. Households that fill out the census will likely avoid a visit from a census worker. Municipalities send the bulk of the information to the federal census bureau, which seeks to streamline the information it collects this year, using only 10 questions, in an effort to increase responses.

"If they send their census in, they won't hear from me anymore or the federal census," said George. "But if they don't send their census in, they will be hounded by the federal census bureau. And by hounded, I mean they will be called."

Sometimes residents receive much longer surveys from the US Census Bureau, in particular the American Community Survey, which is ten pages long with many detailed questions. The survey selects homes at random and residents will receive calls if they do not fill it out. For residents concerned about the legitimacy of any survey seeking personal information, both George and Nichols encourage them to call the Town Clerk's office with questions.

We are pretty diligent; I feel doing it in house that it gives me more control over it. I know exactly what is going out. Another company doing it I wasn't crazy about the forms.

Last year we sent out 10,500 and we got back in the high 9,900 - we did very well and I keep looking at the percentage that we have back, once we get within 90 percent I slow down, because I feel that 90 percent is very good. If they miss three censuses and two federal elections they can be taken off the voter rolls altogether.

"For me, it is more cost effective not to produce the census in house," said Nichols. "I saved money last year by totally outsourcing it and saved this year by changing companies."

Previously Tewksbury had the form printing outsourced and delivered back to the Clerk's office for hand envelope stuffing, sealing, and mailing, labor intensive and expensive. Instead, she redesigned the form herself, sends the form to a printer for printing, folding, and mailing the forms.

"I send a file to the printer and I don't see them until they come back," said Nichols, noting that it used to take her office a week to get the mailing out the door. Now a machine prints, folks, and stuffs the envelopes. She saved 5 cents per form last year, and an additional 5 cents per form this year by changing companies.

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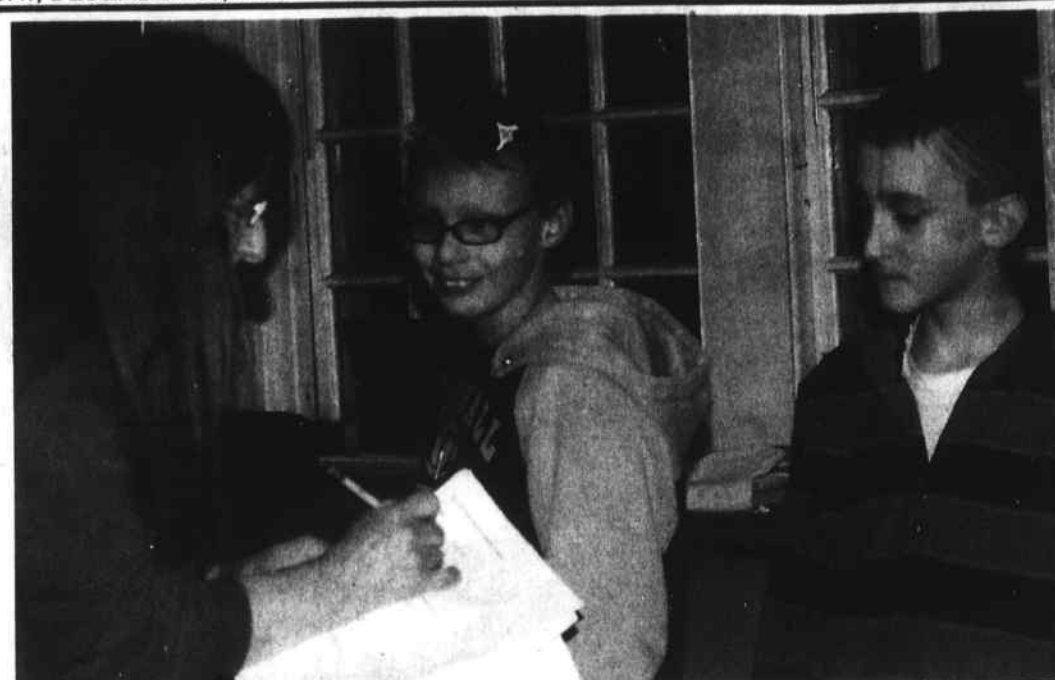
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David McLaren and Max Pappas answered questions from Susan MacDonald during a game of "How well do you know your parents" at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Tuesday evening. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

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After nearly a year of litigation about the matter, Robert McCann hopes to open his new package store at 335 Main Street in the spring.

Following an eight-month investigation by the Middlesex District Attorney's office, officials determined that there was insufficient evidence to bring criminal charges against 24-year police officer and firearms instructor Steven LaRivee, who stored numerous firearms and other weapons in his home. In fall 2008 a Woburn Street house rented by the now retired Wilmington Police Officer was broken into by a group of teenaged boys who stole a number of firearms and ammunition, prompting a lockdown and controlled exit at the Shawsheen Valley Regional Technical High School.

"It was discovered that Officer LaRivee stored numerous firearms in the home, some of which had been stolen in the course of the breaking and entering. We conducted an extensive investigation to determine whether Officer LaRivee's storage of the firearms was in violation of the law," said spokesman for the Middlesex D.A., Corey Welford. "Specifically the law requires that firearms be equipped with trigger locks or be secured in a locked container."

Welford stated that the investigation included inspection of the scene at 764 Woburn Street, ballistic analysis, and witness statements.

"Upon completion of that investigation we found no credible evidence to prove that he had been in violation of the law and insufficient evidence to bring criminal charges in this case," said Welford in June.

However, an internal investigation by Wilmington Police stated that LaRivee, who leased the property, knew local youths were trespassing and that the ramshackle house he rented was not prop-

erly secured. Deputy Chief Richter called LaRivee's actions reckless and negligent, rising to the level of 'conduct unbecoming.'

LaRivee was asked to resign by Town Manager Michael Caira, and will receive a somewhat smaller pension.

Olin Superfund Site work began

The Olin Superfund site is the newest in the region being added in mid-2006. In July 2007 a settlement was reached with Olin and other potentially responsible parties to determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the site. James DiLorenzo of the Environmental Protection Agency estimated that the town is about three and a half years before beginning the actual clean up. One to two rounds of fieldwork which will collect 150 groundwater samples and 100 soils samples, each one testing for 200 or more chemicals. This phase, begun midyear, will likely take between 12 to 15 months. Test well data collection is also part of the study.

Swain School & Town Pound

After a lengthy debate that rivals records on Town Meeting floor, the residents eventually voted to tear down the historic Swain School. Built as a high school in 1914, the Swain School was last the home of WCTV. The television studio moved out over the summer for its new digs and the Swain was knocked down following proper removal of asbestos from the property. The building inspired many residents to call for historic preservation, rehabbing the school into a modern educational facility, but in the end, town officials convinced voters that the property was more liability than opportunity. With falling down walls and brick, the structure literally caving in, and a basement (and bathrooms) that flood with every rainstorm, voters opted to keep a few pieces of the school for historic preservation and demolish the rest.

The recent loss of the 200 year old Town Pound by a capricious property owner

was often cited as a reason supporting preservation. The town animal pound, built in 1814, was a 15' by 18' heavy fieldstone enclosure used to secure unattended livestock in the town center until owners could retrieve their cows, horses, pigs, and so forth. Though sold back into private ownership in 1911, the town pound was cited several times in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure in Wilmington's Centre Village Historic District. Town Pounds were commonly used in New England from the mid 1600s to the late 1800s for the temporary quartering of animals. The stones were gathered and will eventually be restored at the new site, the Olde Burying Ground.

A parking lot was later constructed at the site.

MWRA

Six years after nitrosodimethylamine, or NDMA, contamination shut down five public water wells and effectively eliminated two-thirds of the town's water supply, Wilmington fully connected to the MWRA as a member town in 2009, bringing a supply of water to the town.

"I'm extremely pleased that we are finally able to guarantee the citizens of Wilmington fresh, clean water," said State Representative Jim Miceli at a Water and Sewer Commission meeting following the connection in May.

After town meeting voted to approve becoming a member town with the MWRA, Rep. Miceli and the legislative delegation worked to get the legislation to the Governor's desk as soon as possible, signed by all applicable parties. Once all the contracts were signed Wilmington was able to take MWRA water whenever necessary.

"For the first time in seven years we will not be in a state of emergency with water supply," said Water and Sewer Superintendent Michael Woods. Wilmington's supply takes from the Ipswich River Basin, which is "highly stressed."

Christmas night shooting spree

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committing a crime because they have no money and need food, this was just to destroy someone's property, and it was Christmas."

"First it was shock that this happened to me, and then when I got there [to the store] I was angry that someone would do this. I didn't want to believe that it happened when I got the phone call," Joe Bayles told the Crier. "This comes out of our pocket, this is money we do not have. We might have to borrow this money to stay afloat. This is

devastating. We cannot lose \$3,000 + dollars at the end of the year."

Police confirm that the matter is under investigation and that the incidences of damaged car, home, and business windows were scattered over a large area, in different sections of town.

"This was just vandalism, malicious vandalism, they gain nothing out of it," said Deputy Chief Richter, adding that malicious vandalism is considered a felony. Further, town bylaw prohibits the firing of any firearm, including pellet, BB, and paintball

guns, within town limits.

Police continued to receive reports Tuesday of damage from businesses that were closed over the weekend. Police do know that the perpetrators were driving in a red car.

As of press time, three businesses, five cars and one home reported damage, though police believe there are more.

Joe Bayles told the Crier that if the investigation becomes stalled he might pursue funding a reward with other victims.



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zens of Massachusetts whose tax dollars paid for those legal fees? The former 3 speakers all thought they were above the law, do you? Are you looking to make a perfect quartet of federally indicted speakers, I certainly hope not! If so you and the former speakers can start your own Barber Shop Quartet and call yourselves the Felons Four.

Mario Marchese



WILMINGTON SCHOOLS January 4 - 8

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Tuesday: Bagel w/ cream cheese, cheddar cheese stick, celery stick, pears

Wednesday: Pasta w/ marinara sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, green beans, peaches

Thursday: Pancakes w/ syrup, sausage links, banana, orange juice

Friday: Bagel pizza, tossed salad w/ low fat dressing, orange wedges

Elementary:

Monday: Chicken patty on a roll, sweet corn niblets, mixed fruit

Tuesday: Shawshen & Woburn: Bagel w/ cream cheese, cheddar cheese stick, celery stick, pears

West & North: Tomato soup, toasted cheese on white or wheat bread, celery stick, pears

Wednesday: Pasta w/ marinara sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, green beans, peaches

Thursday: Soft or hard Taco, seasoned meat, shredded cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa brown rice, pineapple

Friday: Bagel pizza, tossed salad w/ low fat dressing, orange wedges

Middle School

Monday: Chicken patty, spicy patty or veggie patty on a roll, sweet corn niblets, mixed fruit

Tuesday: Pasta w/ marinara sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, green beans, peaches

Wednesday: Ham & cheese or cheese croissant, potato wedges, pears

Thursday: Soft or hard Taco, seasoned meat, shredded cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa brown rice, pineapple

Friday: Bagel pizza, tossed salad w/ low fat dressing, orange wedges

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It's that time again! The Recreation Department's winter newsletter is hot off the presses! Check out our complete listing of upcoming programs, tickets and trips.

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What's Cooking?

by Paula Murphy

Sweep out the old year with sausages

When I was growing up, everyone I knew ate sausages and lentils on New Year's Eve. They're considered lucky foods; the sausage symbolize the fat, or riches of the coming year, and the lentils symbolize money. It's traditional in Italy to throw old possessions out the window to make room for new ones, but in our neighborhood, we would instead sweep the old year out the back door and sweep the new one in the front. Then we would sit down to a big meal at midnight, washed down with lots of Prosecco. My mother would dance with Grandma and whatever friends came to spend the evening with us, and we kids (until we got old enough to find the whole idea of dancing in the kitchen embarrassing) would twirl around them, laughing hysterically.

Sausages with Peppers and Onions

2 pounds Italian sausage (6 to 8 sausages)
3 large onions, sliced
6 peppers (3 red, yellow or orange, and 3 green) seeded and cut into strips
4 garlic cloves, minced
½ teaspoon oregano
2-3 tbsp olive oil

Pierce each sausage with a fork in several places, and place in a large, heavy frying pan with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Brown, turning occasionally, over medium-low heat. Be patient, so the sausage cooks through without burning on the outside. When they're almost done, add 1-2 tablespoons olive oil, and mix in and sauté the garlic, onion and peppers in the same pan. Serve with plenty of crusty Italian bread.

Sausages with Potatoes and Vinegar Peppers

2 pounds Italian sausage (6 to 8 sausage)
6 large potatoes, peeled and sliced thickly
8 vinegar peppers
¼ cup olive oil

Pierce each sausage with a fork in several places and place in a large, heavy frying pan with the olive oil. Brown, turning occasionally, over medium-low heat. When well browned and cooked through, remove sausages from the pan. Sprinkle the hot oil with a little salt to prevent sticking, and add in the potatoes over medium-high heat. Cook until crispy, turning often. Add sausages back in. Tear

vinegar peppers into bite-sized pieces over the skillet so their juices will fall in, and scatter them over the pan. Toss gently until peppers are heated through. Serve with plenty of crusty Italian Bread.

Pizza Rustica (sausage pie)

1 pound Italian sausage (around 4), cut into ¼ inch pieces
1 10 oz package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
2/3 cup Ricotta cheese
5 eggs
2 ready-made pie crusts
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1 tbsp olive oil
salt and pepper

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In a heavy skillet, brown sausage pieces in olive oil. Let cool. In a large bowl, mix eggs, spinach, mozzarella, ricotta, garlic, onion, and salt and pepper to taste. Fold in sausages. Pour into pie plate which has been lined with one of the pie crusts. Top with the remaining pie crust, and seal edges. Brush with a little

beaten egg, if desired. Bake for 1¼ hours, and let sit for 20 minutes before slicing.

Lentil Soup

5 sprigs parsley
2 stalks celery with leaves, minced
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 medium onion, chopped
1 large carrot, chopped fine
4 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp tomato sauce
1 lb. lentils, washed
7 cups hot water
1 tsp salt
pepper to taste
1 cup cooked ditalini or other small macaroni

In a large saucepan, sauté parsley, carrot, celery, garlic, and onion until translucent. Add tomato sauce and stir. Add lentils, and stir until they sizzle. Add hot water and bring to a boil. Cover and lower to a simmer for 45 minutes to an hour, or until lentils are soft. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add a little macaroni to the bottom of each bowl and ladle soup over. Serve with grated Parmesan cheese and hot red pepper flakes.

Please send your recipes to Paula at paula.wilmingtoncooks@hotmail.com.

Tewksbury Senior Topics

New Year's Eve party; Bunka embroidery; Flu & Pneumonia clinic on Tuesday; Foxwoods trip

Those people attending the New Year's Eve Party at the Senior Center are reminded that dinner will be served at approximately 7:00 p.m.

A Senior Center Cootie Party will be held next Monday, January 4th, at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome.

Japanese Bunka Embroidery Classes will resume next week on Monday, January 4th and on Thursday, January 7th. Both classes begin at 1:00 p.m. Yoga, exercise, stained glass and card games will also resume at the regular scheduled times next week.

Next Monday is also the day that the Upscale Consignment Boutique accepts items for the shoppe. Intake hours are 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information, one may call 978-640-4480.

Residents should take note that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold another Seasonal Flu and Pneumonia Clinic next Tuesday, January 5th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street. This clinic is for residents 18 and over; and, is being conducted on a first come basis due to the limited amount of vaccine avail-

able.

A Red Hat Carnation Belles "Sleep Over" will take place at the Senior Center on Friday, January 15th. The ticket price is \$15 per person and includes a full evening of fun and activities such as movies, games, Karaoke and much more. There will be early morning coffee as well as a mid morning catered breakfast buffet. Tickets are available up until January 13th.

Dr. Smith will hold a Podiatry Clinic during this same weekend on Saturday, January 16th. This clinic will be limited to 30 Tewksbury Senior Citizens. One may now register for this clinic. The clinic cost is \$15 per person and is due upon sign-up. An appointment time will be assigned when registering.

At the time this article was submitted, tickets were still available for the Foxwood day trip of Monday, January 18th. The cost of the trip is \$21 per person.

The next DJ Jon Mansfield lunch and dance event will be held on Monday, January 25th. Tickets will be available up through January 20th.

The Silver Tones Band

will hold a dance at the Senior Center on Friday, January 29th. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased prior to the event or at the door.

SHINE Counselor, Jill, is at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and is seen by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, one may call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480. The SHINE Counselor is available to advise Senior Citizens on medical insurance options.

With 2010 beginning in just a few days, I thought it would be nice to note a few smart ideas that were found in the 12/28 edition of Woman's World:

"Invite good luck with grapes" as they do in Spain and South America by eating 12 grapes at the stroke of midnight...one for every chime of the clock. The tradition is said to guarantee success in the year ahead; and, because grapes are loaded with healthy minerals, it's a fun ritual that's good for you. Yours truly will be trying this ritual out at midnight.

"Pat yourself on the back" this New Year for the great

things that you accomplished in 2009. Make a list of the new healthy habits, smart choices and everything else you did right during the past year. All too often we remember only what we did wrong. This exercise should lift one's spirits to continue those good things in 2010.

"Dodge stress with this resolution"...instead of a New Year's resolution, let yourself off the hook and make a "new month's" resolution. Research shows that once someone achieves a short-term goal, it motivates one to get through another.

Lastly but far from least, "spread kindness". Studies show that every time you do something nice even as simple as holding a door open for someone or smiling at the grocery clerk at check-out...you feel happier. Even catching someone else doing a good deed helps to boost one's mood. Doing kindnesses all year will certainly make for a successful year.

A Healthy, Happy and Successful New Year is wished to all. God Bless America.

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Rams wrestling team pulls out a shocking win

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Last Thursday afternoon, on Christmas Eve, the Shawsheen Tech wrestling team may have pulled off its biggest victory in program. For the first time ever, the Rams defeated Division 1 power and defending Division 1 North sectional champion Lowell, by a score of 41-31 as part of a quad match in Billerica.

The Rams also earned wins over Haverhill by a score of 36-17 and Tewksbury by a score of 51-24, but it was the win over Lowell that had the high school wrestling scene buzzing. With the win over 8th ranked Lowell, the Rams improved to 6-0 on the season, and are currently ranked third in the entire state behind just Franklin and Springfield Central.

While coach Mark Donovan was not about to put too much emphasis on one early season win, even he could not deny the significance of the victory for his team and his program.

"Absolutely, we made a statement today," Donovan said. "We had a lot of kids step up and they beat a very good team."

While the Rams had a hard time picking up victories in the lower weight classes, once they arrived at 135 pounds and Anthony Finn, the never looked back. Finn pinned his opponent Kevin Sullivan, part of a three victory day for the junior.

Sophomore Jason Baker of Wilmington picked up a 4-1 decision at 140 pounds, while junior Ryan Cassidy won by technical fall at 145 and junior Jesse Dillon won by decision at 160 pounds.

At that point, the meet moved on to the area where the Rams are the strongest and they did not let their team down, as every wrestler from 171 pounds on won by pin. Junior Anthony Pimentel (171), senior Alex Najjar (189), senior Andrew Companschi of Wilmington (189) and junior Steve Higgins of at heavyweight all rolled to victory for the Rams.

Along with Finn, other wrestlers to sweep all three matches on the day were Cassidy, Dillon, Najjar,

Companschi and Higgins.

Hockey

The Shawsheen Tech hockey team is off to an outstanding start to their season, with a 4-0-1 record in the early going of the season. The Rams continued their fine start to the season on Monday and Tuesday with victories in the first two rounds of the Capital City Classic Tournament in Concord New Hampshire.

On Monday, the Rams downed Bow, New Hampshire by a score of 2-1 in overtime and they followed that up with another dramatic win on Wednesday in the semifinals when sophomore forward Joe Sodergren of Tewksbury scored the game winning goal with just 1:08 left in regulation.

The Rams were preparing to take on New Hampshire power Londonderry High on Wednesday night at 7:15 for the tournament championship.

The opening round win over Bow will officially go into the Rams record books as a tie due to MIAA regulations which does not allow overtime games until the state tournament, but in terms of the tournament there was no doubt that the Rams came out on top and they did so in dramatic fashion with sophomore Mike DiGiorgio of Tewksbury scoring the game winner at 2:14 of overtime.

Although the Rams brought a 3-0 record into the tournament, Baker still did not know just how his team would respond to the step up in competition from their early season schedule, but they responded splendidly.

"Obviously looking at early season schedule I did not know exactly how we would be," Baker said. "With the exception of Northeast in our second game we had not found ourselves facing those kind of teams. Going up there and facing Bow was tough, it was really our first true test besides Northeast. The first period not great, but from there we turned it on and played much better."

Senior captain Brett Fredrickson had scored the first goal of the game for the Rams, and the team was also led by a strong effort from junior goalie Ryan Maskell of Wilmington who made 23 saves to earn the win.

"Maskell played well especially coming off not being really tested in the early season," Baker said. But we knew Ryan was a solid goalie. He showed that last year even though he did not get a lot of playing time behind some upperclassmen, and he is showing it again. Looking at the goaltending core and I am very happy. Ryan is getting bulk of starts, but if head to go with the either of the others I would still feel confident."

It doesn't get much more dramatic than an overtime victory, but the Rams sure tried on Tuesday night against Division 1 Bishop Brady, this time getting the game winner from Sodergren on a shorthanded goal with 1:08 left in regulation on an assist from senior defenseman Jesse Rossetti of Wilmington for a 3-2 victory.

Baker had called a timeout after the penalty was called against the Rams with 1:25 left in the game, and the play that he planned for his team worked to perfection.

"We called timeout with 1:25 left wanted to get some kids a break," Baker said. "I kind of verbally drew up an idea for the kids. We had a draw in our end and DiGiorgio drew it back to Rossetti. Rossetti made a nice flip out of the zone to Joe and Joe blew past defense and put in nice goal."

"The kids were Kids all high fiving, me. They think I am a genius now," Baker laughed. "You draw the plays up and it doesn't work all the time, but this time it worked perfectly."

In addition to assisting on the game winner, DiGiorgio also scored the Rams first goal of the game. He and Sodergren have combined for an outstanding tournament so far.

"Joe and Mike are playing outstanding," Baker said. They are just sophomores, but they are starting to do what I had hoped. I had

hoped would play like juniors and I have been impressed with them as well as with Fredrickson."

Senior defenseman Cody Wilkins of Wilmington added the Rams other goal, while Maskell made 33 saves between the pipes.

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and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. CitiMortgage, Inc. claiming to be the holder of Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 121 Grove Avenue, given by Linda J. Tripp and Stephen A. Tripp to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for American Brokers Conduit, dated June 27, 2006, recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20253, Page 151 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before January 25, 2010 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

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Wildcats remain undefeated at 6-0

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The two-time Cape Ann League champion Wilmington High School Boys' Hockey team kept up its strong start taking down two more teams this past week and improve to 6-0.

A day after Christmas, the Wildcats knocked down Amesbury, 5-1, in a Cape Ann League contest and then two days thereafter the team defeated Lexington, 3-1, in the first round of the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament. That win put the team into the championship game against league rival North Andover on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime.

In the win against Amesbury, Wilmington led 2-0 and 3-0 after the first and second periods, before using the entire line-up in the third period and skate away with the win.

"I thought the effort was good considering we had a day off (for Christmas), and we were a little bit slow in that second period, but overall it was a good effort," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "This was a team win, everyone got to play and we are happy about that. One concern that we have is our forwards are getting a lot of scoring chances and are not converting. I know this kid is a good goalie, but against better teams, that could be come an issue and be a problem for us."

"All in all we are happy with the win. We got two more league points and we stay clear of the rest of the pack in the league. We were able to get the egg nog and brownies out of our system, and now we move on to the Haverhill tournament."

Scoring the goals for the Wildcats were Brian Hurley, Dan Cushing, Jeffrey Harris, Patrick Boudreau and Jared Ravagni. Harris added two

assists, while, Brendan Collins, Colin Foley, Ravagni, Cushing, Liam Gately, Ed Barrasso, Chuck Barbaro and Kevin Moriarty had one each. Zach Rosa played the first two periods and saw two shots, before Joe Aucoin played the entire third period making six saves.

On Monday night, Barrasso and Andy Owens scored goals in the first period before Foley added the team's last goal before Lexington made things interesting scoring a goal with under six minutes to go in the game. Owens, Barrasso, Kyle Creedon and Ryan Derian each had an assist.

Rosa made 12 saves in the net, as he has given up just two goals in six games thus far.

On Saturday night, Wilmington will travel to Newburyport to take on the defending Division 2 state champions at 7:00 pm.

Girls Hoop

The Wildcats were defeated by an undefeated Ipswich squad, 58-43, last Wednesday night. Wilmington is now 1-3 on the season, and Ipswich improved to 6-0 with the win.

"Turnovers and inconsistent rebounding was the difference," said coach Jay Keane.

Wilmington trailed 29-20 at the break, and were they ignited in the fourth quarter with great production off the bench by freshmen Cailin O'Flaherty and Alexandra Derian, who helped closed a double digit lead down to eight points with three minutes to go, but then the Wildcats just ran out of time.

Senior Amy Fahey led the way with 21 points and 4 steals. Sophomore Maggie Brown ended the night with 10 points and 9 boards.

Wilmington will return home on Tuesday night to face North Reading beginning at 7:00 pm.



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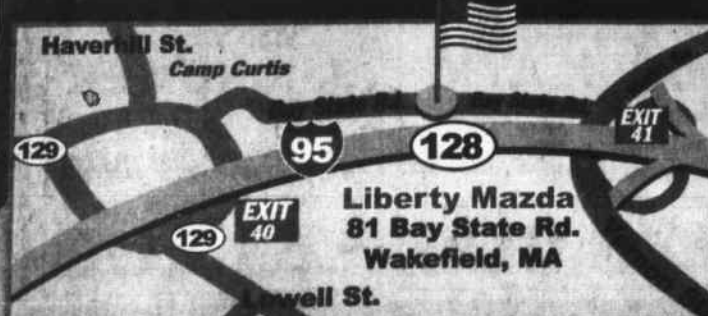
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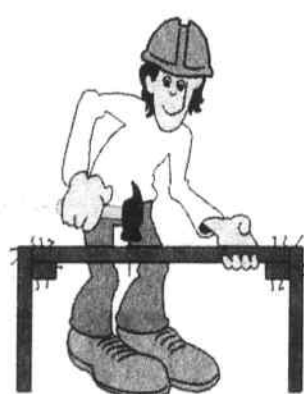
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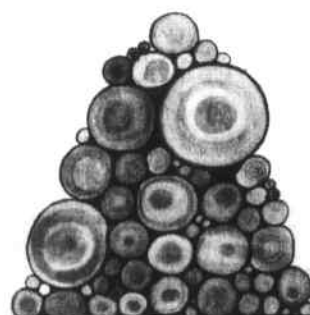
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Wilmington's lost gold

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gold pieces could be that she had seen so plainly in her sleep.

A few nights later, Sarah dreamed again, and this time in her dream, she travelled in fancy to the three cornered stone wall, and as though by some invisible force, the ground was upturned right at the junction of the wall.

She seemed to see through the ground, and she discovered a barrel the same one she had seen before, the sides seemed to fall away as if by magic, and there before her the country lass saw thousands of gold coins, which seemed to her like the greatest fortune in all the world. She ran forward to scoop some of the gold pieces up in her apron. But then Sarah again woke up.

The third vision caused Sarah some uneasiness. Child as she was, she felt sure that there must have been something real about the barrel of gold, for she had seen it so distinctly, and she had even marked the spot where it lay buried. And yet, she dared not tell her parents, for fear of being thrashed for being superstitious or a lazy, dreaming girl.

As luck would have it, however, Sarah's parents died during the following year, and the orphan child was found out by the good kind charitable officers to a horny-fisted old farmer named John Schrader, who operated a small farm a few miles from Lawrence.

Three months after her arrival at the home of the whiskered farmer, Sarah was again visited by her dream genii. Again in fancy, she sat on the wall of her father's cow pasture, and again she saw and played with the stacks of gold coins.

Despite his roughness, there was an air of gentleness in old John Schrader, and he soon made Sarah feel at home in his company. The child, hav-

ing no friends of her own to share the secret, finally decided to tell her guardian of the several peculiar dreams she had had.

Schrader was a native of Switzerland. He believed reverently in dreams. He listened in awed wonder at the strange story which the strange little drudge was telling him, and then like the good old man that he was, he bade the child to say nothing about her dreams to anyone until he had investigated just what there was in the vision.

Two days later, John Schrader arrived in Wilmington in his farm wagon with little Sarah.

The child directed him unfalteringly to the spot where she had seen the treasure in her visions. The old man went to work with his spade. He worked with the energy of desperation. He was fearful lest someone should happen along the road and discover what he was trying to find. The child sat persistently in the wagon, watching the work of the man who was trying to locate the treasure of which she had a dream.

She knew it was there and it was due possibly to her air of childish conviction that John Schrader worked as he had never worked before in digging a deep hole at the point where the walls formed a junction.

He had made a hole five feet in depth before his pick struck something hard.

The perspiration was standing out on his face in great drops, but still he worked rapidly on until at last he uncovered what appeared to be the head of a powder barrel or keg. The rest was easy. In a few moments, the entire keg was uncovered and by a few well-directed blows with the pick, off went the head, and there just as Sarah had seen in her dreams lay the gold coins.

Schrader scooped up the money up in his hat. He was

frantic with joy. He leaped and danced about like a madman. He threw the money into the wagon by the hatful. How much in total value he found, no one will ever know, but it is generally supposed that there was no less than \$125,000 in the hidden keg.

On one Thursday, 53 years ago, the good people of Wilmington performed an act of royal generosity when, by popular subscription, they raised the sum of \$70, which they used in giving Sarah Carter a decent burial, the grave being dug on the very spot from where John Schrader years before dug the treasure of which the child had dreamed, now an old woman.

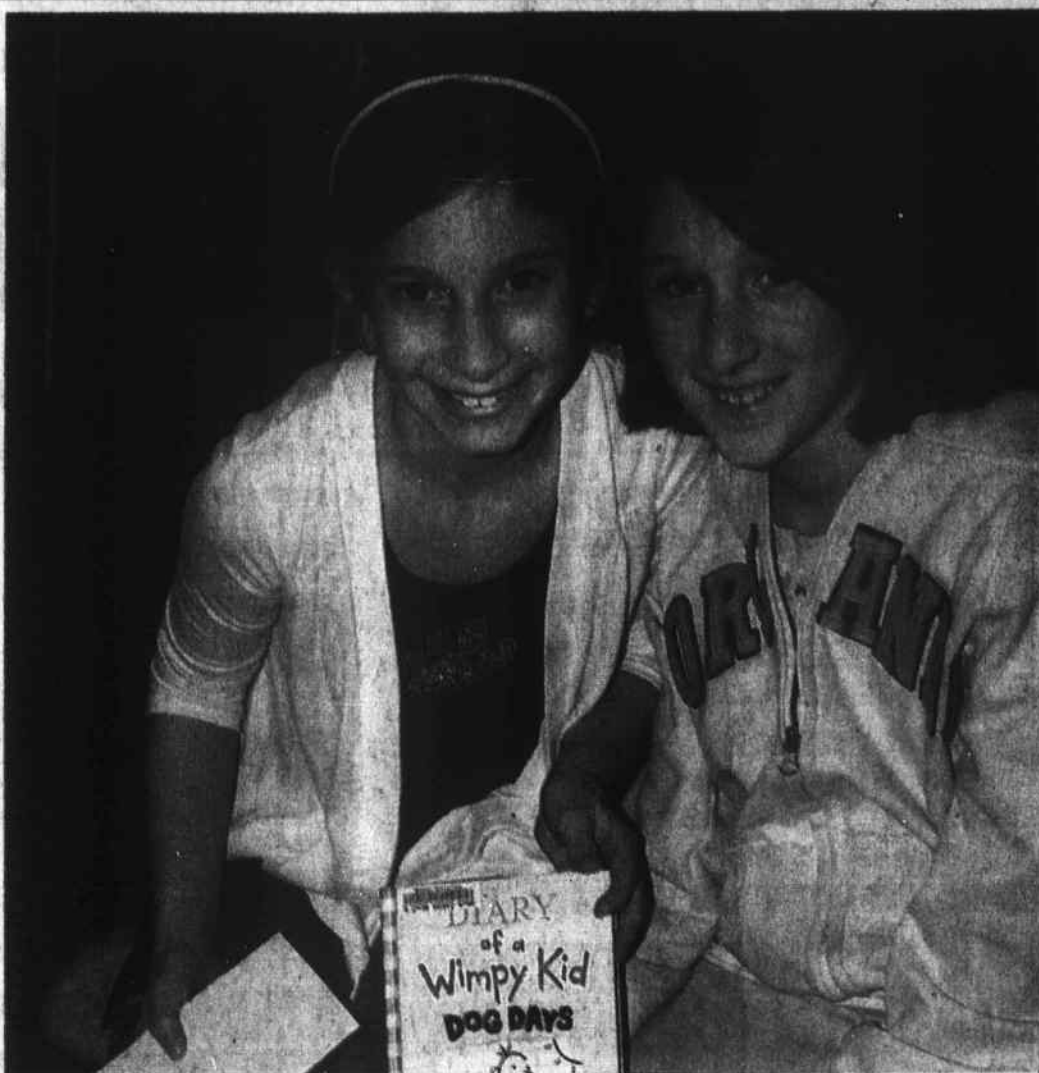
No one about Wilmington has ever heard anything about John Schrader knew how or in what manner the keg of gold could have gotten into the place where it was found. But the fact remains on the town records of Wilmington that a keg of gold was found by John Schrader, and the records further state that the remarkable discovery was made possible by the vision which came to Sarah Carter.

Editor's note: There is a record in the town clerk's files of the death of Sarah E. Carter on May 27, 1899, listing her age as 77 years, one month and one day. There is no record of her birth.

There were eight Carter families of child-bearing age living in Wilmington in 1822. There are births listed in 1822 for three, making it quite unlikely that they could be her parents. One possibility is Alfred and Susan Carter.

Susan Carter died in 1826, but there is no death listed for her husband.

As for Furlan's statement about the town records stating that a keg of gold was found, it may be true, but nobody knows of such a reference.



Jackie Champoux and Sara Troy, both fans of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series of books attended the "Wimpy Kid" holiday party at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Tuesday night. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

A Thousand Shoes for a Thousand Hills

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featured a scale that correlated to his goals. He also set up cardboard donation boxes. One was placed in the driveway of the family's Wilmington home, and others were placed at his school.

The collection started in early November, and Soper reached his goal of five hundred pairs—totaling one thousand shoes—in December.

Soper checked the boxes regularly and collected the donated shoes. Together with his friend Timothy Maguire, who is a resident of

Burlington and his classmate at St. Charles, the shoes were prepared for shipping.

The shoes were initially stored on the Sopers' porch, before they were strung together with elastics into bags of fifty. The total amount of five hundred pairs, placed in a crate, will be shipped to Rwanda in the coming weeks.

Before the task was undertaken, Soper's parents made a deal with him that if he could realize his goal, they would pay the freight costs. The shoes will be sent to a village in Rwanda for distribu-

tion. The Sopers are involved with a non-profit initiative in Rwanda called Hope for a Thousand Hills

(hope4athousandhills.org) that focuses on working to restore Rwanda's economy.

In addition to the tremendous success of his shoe drive, Soper is also considering other collection drives, such as a clothing drive, that would take place in the future.

Alex Soper wished to express his gratitude to all those who donated shoes to the project and helped him to reach his goals.

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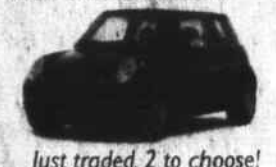
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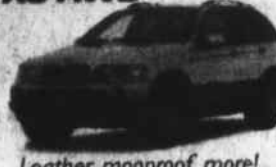
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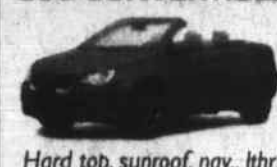
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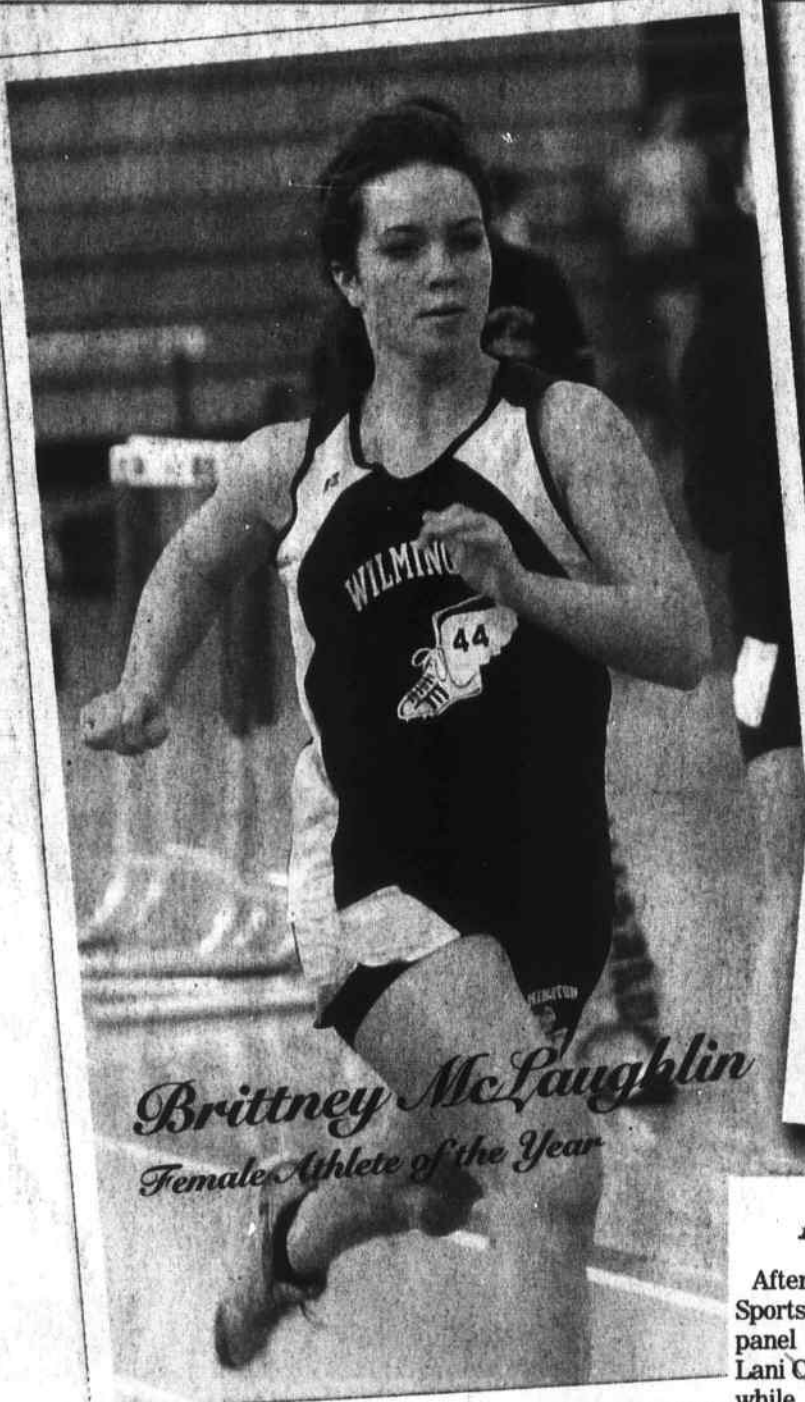
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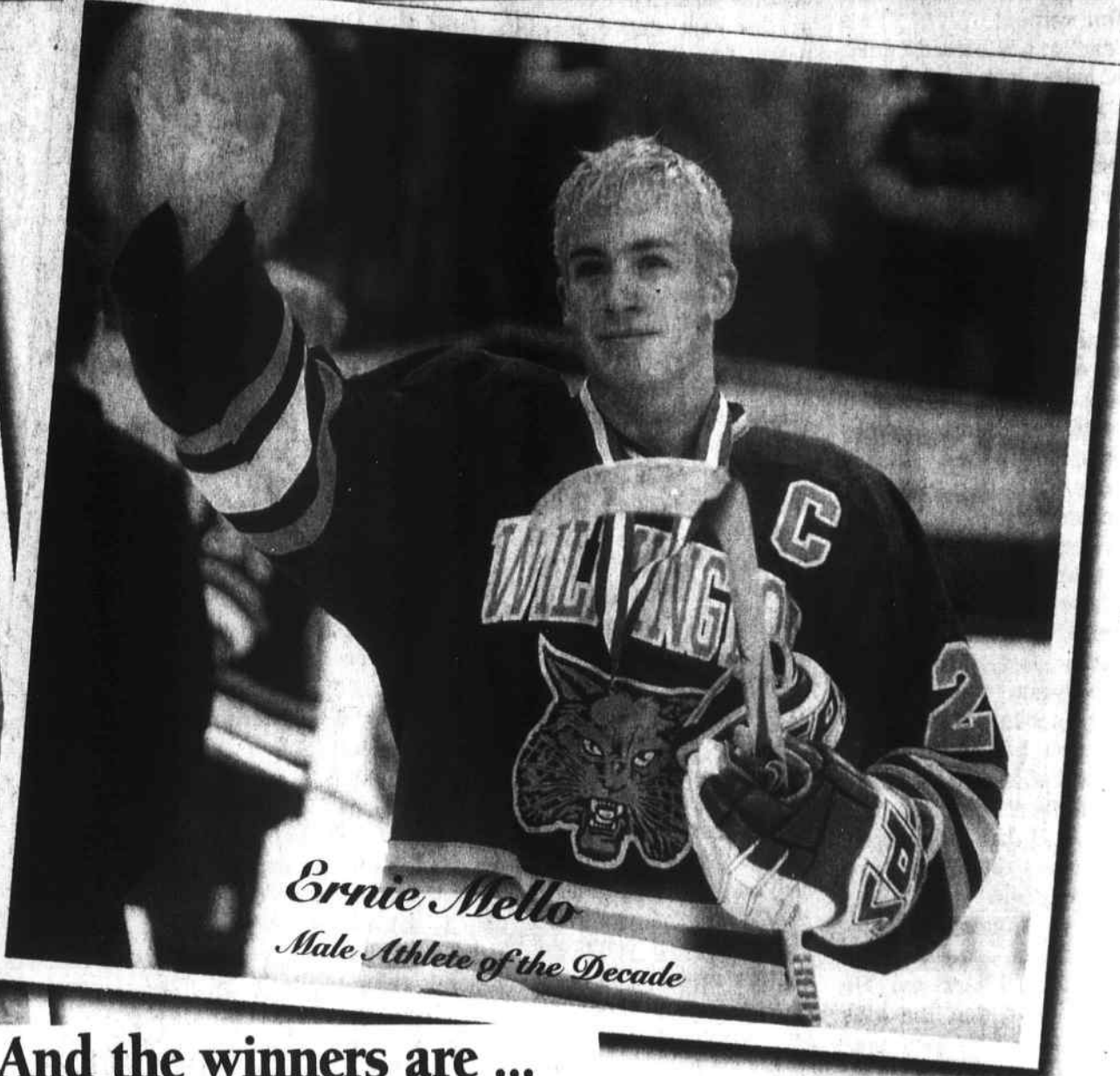


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Brittney McLaughlin
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Ernie Mello
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And the winners are ...

After several anticipated weeks, the Town Crier's Decade and Year Sports Award winners are announced in this section. A ten person panel voted on three individuals, Steve Scanlon, Ernie Mello and Lani Cabral-Pini as Coach, Male and Female Athletes of the Decade, while the Town Crier sports staff named Jodi MacKenzie, Caleb Rogers and Brittney McLaughlin as the Coach, Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

To explain these awards a little bit, the Year awards are given out to those individuals who excelled during the 2009 calendar year. Thus for the athletes, the winners were selected based on their performances from the winter, spring and fall athletic seasons, and not by the academic school season.

As for the Decade winners, these awards are given out to the best Coach and the best Male and Female Athletes of the entire decade. It is not an award given out solely to the best high school athlete from Wilmington or any other school who competed over the last ten years. The nominees for the Decade awards were made solely by Jamie Pote, the Town Crier Sports Editor, who then compiled a 10-person panel to vote on each nominee. Inside this issue on page SP5W, are the completed ballots of the nameless panel members.

On this page are the six winners, starting from top left going clockwise: Brittney McLaughlin, Female Athlete of the Year; Ernie Mello, Male Athlete of the Decade; Jodi MacKenzie, Coach of the Year; Lani Cabral-Pini, Female Athlete of the Decade; Caleb Rogers, Male Athlete of the Year; and Steve Scanlon, Coach of the Decade.

Inside this issue are feature stories on all six winners, as well as biographies on each of the three decade winners. Turn to page SP2W for Steve Scanlon, SP3W for Ernie Mello, SP4W for Lani Cabral-Pini, SP6W for Brittney McLaughlin, SP7W for Caleb Rogers and SP8W for Jodi MacKenzie.

If you would like to tell us what you think about this section, and the award winners (positive comments only on the winners only please) send an email to: JamiePote@hotmail.com.



Steve Scanlon
Coach of the Decade



Jodi MacKenzie
Coach of the Year



Caleb Rogers
Male Athlete of the Year



Lani Cabral-Pini
Female Athlete of the Decade

Coach of the Decade: Steve Scanlon

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Before his team hit the ice on Monday night to play in the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament, Steve Scanlon has already guided his team to a 5-0 record, and has ten points which is half the total needed to make it the state tournament. Counting the 5-0 mark, Scanlon coached the ice hockey team to a record of 128-71-23 record this decade, and made a state tournament appearance in all but two seasons.

And just several weeks before the ice hockey team's season started, Scanlon completed his 9th season as the head boys soccer coach at WHS where he compiled a record of 118-54-25 qualifying for post season all but one season. If you add the two sports teams up, Scanlon had a combined record of 246-125-48, which is a 59 percent winning rate, and then an amazing 70 percent rate of wins and ties together.

"Steve's (coaching) system works," said Athletic Director Ed Harrison. "He has a plan and the kids buy into it. He's very successful, he's very dedicated and committed to getting the job done. Not only are the kids prepared, but they are respected by their opponents in both sports."

Take the Good with the Bad

Of the 246 wins this decade, and of the 125 losses Scanlon's teams suffered, two of the 419 games he coached stand out more than the others.

"My favorite moments I would have to say when the hockey team went to the Garden to play for the state championship," he said about that magical ride back in the Winter of 2008. "That was incredible and just quite the experience. And then to win the sectional title like we did, against Tewksbury, what better way could we have possibly done it? What a game - that was something I'll never forget and certainly has to be my favorite moment."

Next month will make it four decades in which Scanlon has coached high school sports. He made trips in soccer at Methuen High and Westford Academy before taking over on a permanent basis at WHS in 2001.

He had tremendous suc-

cess at Westford bringing home a state championship title back in 1992. Now 17 years later he led another soccer team to another historical season, as this past soccer team finished as the Division 2 North Sectional Finalists, after going unbeaten in league play with an incredible mark of 18-1-3.

So now you realize that he took one soccer team to a state championship title, and 17 years later he took a different team, from a much different town and league to the North Sectional Final, coming three wins away from winning the elite championship trophy, and that's probably his most impressive feat of them all. All the while he did that, he took the ice hockey team to its first ever sectional championship, and second trip ever to the state final, and the first since 1984.

"That time in Westford when we won the state championship, you didn't realize what was going on," he said. "You thought at that time that you won a state title and you'd get another chance. You never realize at that time how hard it is to get back there. To get on one of those tournament rides is just incredible."

"So I guess over time, the thing that I've learned as a coach is just being more patient with the kids and being more patient overall and try to let the team come together."

From when he started coaching in his mid 20s during the late 1980s, and now being in his mid 40s going on to his fourth decade of coaching, Scanlon was asked about the changes he has made as a two-sport coach.

"I don't think I'm as tough as I used to be," he said. "But I think part of that is because now we have established ourselves and know there are expectations with both teams. But the kids police themselves. I think times have changed a bit, but you still have to go with what you got. The kids are used to the kinds of methods and systems we use and we have proven that they are pretty effective."

"I think today athletes are more specialized. I mean look at soccer - this year's team had a number of kids with very good skills. Back a few years ago I had Adam Jensen and he was the only one, and now I have five kids

who have that kind of skill that he had. So I think the kids today are more polished and it's just the evolution of club ball."

Half of a Dozen not too shabby

In soccer, Scanlon guided the Wildcats to their first ever league championship back in 2007, as well as guiding the team to two straight unbeaten seasons against Cape Ann League opponents in 2008 and this past year.

In hockey, he guided the team to six Cape Ann League titles this decade, including four in a row from 2000 to 2003, not to mention the league championship seasons in '08 and '09.

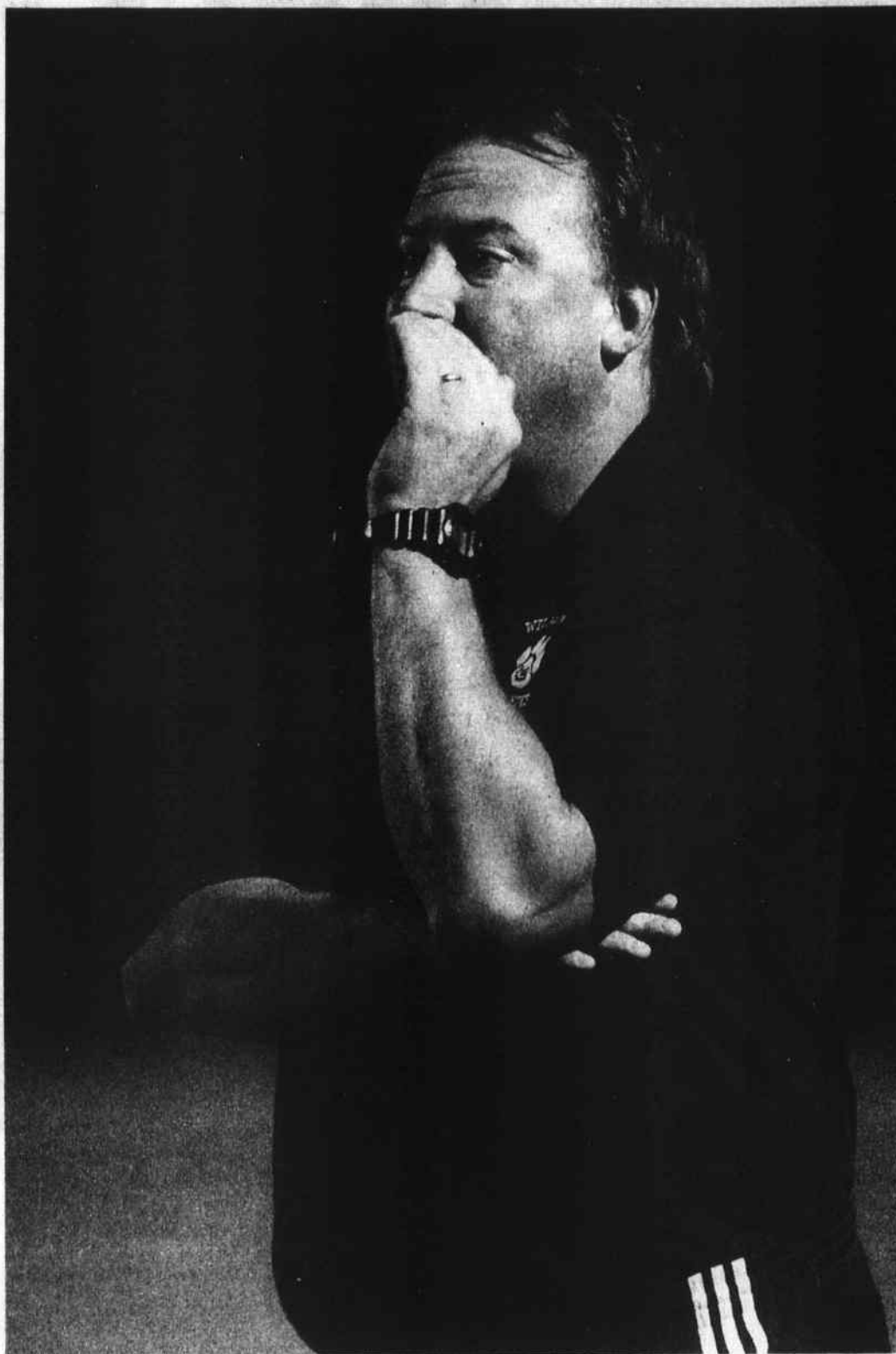
"The things I always remember and think about is Wilmington kids just work very hard, and they do that for all of the coaches here," said Scanlon. "They are tough, and also coachable kids. I'm also proud of the fact that they are such good sportsmen. As teams they always play tough, but you don't see them out there ripping officials and stuff like that."

"I think the success means we have a lot of good kids, good hard working kids, some great captains and we also have had a lot of great assistant coaches. I mean Chip (Bruce) had to do with so much of the success we had with both teams. We worked very close together and he was such an important part of the success."

"We always have had good kids and it's great when they are Alumni and they come back - that makes a lot of difference to me."

Over the course of the ten years, Scanlon has the 246 wins, the seven league titles, the sectional title, a state championship finalist trophy, a sectional finalist trophy, as well as being named the Cape Ann League, Town Crier and Lowell Sun Coach of the Year a combined nine times, thus all having to do with Scanlon being tabbed as the Town Crier's Wilmington Coach of the Decade.

"I really appreciate it," he said. "It's a big honor and I think it says a lot about our programs. But you never know - I mean Jimmy (McCune) had an awesome run with the basketball program. So for us, I guess hopefully we can keep it rolling for another ten years."



Former WHS three-sport athlete Steve Scanlon has earned the Town Crier's Coach of the Decade Award after successful decade runs with both the boys ice hockey and boys soccer teams. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Steve Scanlon

Overall

- Coached two different varsity sports at WHS with tremendous success, combining for a record of 241-125-48.

Boys Hockey

- Coached the Boys Hockey team to a 123-71-23 record from 2000 to 2009.
- Led the Hockey team to six Cape Ann League titles, including four in a row from 2000 to 2003.
- Led Hockey team to two different 17-win seasons and led the team to eight state tournament appearances in the ten years.
- Led the team to the program's first ever Division 2 North Sectional Championship trophy over Tewksbury in 2008. That same season, led the team to its first Division 2 state championship appearance since 1984, losing to Sandwich, 1-0.

Boys Soccer

- Led Boys Soccer team to a 118-54-25 record.
- Led team to its first ever Cape Ann League title in 2007.
- Led team to the Division 2 North sectional final in 2009, the first time since 1997, where the team was defeated by Concord-Carlisle. It was just the fourth WHS team to ever reach the sectional final.
- Led team to two straight unbeaten seasons against Cape Ann League opponents in 2008 and 2009.
- Made nine state tournament appearances in ten years, including two other teams, besides 2009, reaching the sectional semi-finals.

Combined Sports

- Between the two sports, Scanlon was named the Cape Ann League Coach of the Year seven times, and the Town Crier and Lowell Sun Coach of the Year once. In addition, the WHS Boys Soccer team was given the Cape Ann League's Team Sportsmanship Award four straight years.

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Male Athlete of the Decade: Ernie Mello

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Over a course of a decade, how many athletes can say they played for a National Pop Warner Championship team, played for three league championship high school teams in one year - which included rushing for 1,700 yards in football, scoring 29 goals in hockey and playing error free ball defensively in baseball - before advancing to a very elite college named WPI, where he excels on the football field and more importantly in the class room?

Well one Wilmington kid did all of that from 2000 to 2009 and his name is Ernie Mello, the Town Crier's Male Athlete of this Decade.

"Getting an award like this just puts everything in perspective," said Mello, now a sophomore in college. "It took a while after I found out before it hit me and it's just awesome. Just to be nominated was such an honor."

"I thought maybe I'd have a shot at it, but when you see a kid named Joe Herra on the list, it's just quite an honor. Joe is a couple of years older than me and I remember watching him play from the sidelines and he was an awesome player. So for me, this is just an honor to be nominated and to win it was just an awesome surprise."

A Pee Wee Star

Starting out when he was young, Mello excelled on the football field. He was a running back throughout his Pop Warner days and remembers the 'D' team, coached by his father Steve, that advanced to the Nationals in Rhode Island and winning it all.

"That team was awesome and to be that young and to be able to go to the farthest point, the New England Championships and to win it against a team from Rhode Island is something I'll always remember," he said.

"That was such a good experience, and with my Dad coaching, it's something that will always stand out in my mind."

From there Mello worked his way up, playing three sports, football, hockey and baseball and traveling all over, competing in many youth leagues, summer teams, and various all-star teams. As he got older, he then entered WHS where he had a Hall of Fame like career.

"Ernie is the whole package, both academically and athletically," said his high school hockey coach Steve Scanlon. "He's top notch in the classroom and that carried over to the athletic fields. The thing that impressed me with Ernie is how he was that good in contact sports. That's tough to do - I mean he got whacked as a running back and he got whacked as a forward on the hockey team. He's a gamer - Ernie's the type of athlete when the chips are down, you get his best. When you needed a lift or needed a goal, you got one from Ernie."

Mello played four years of varsity hockey, and during his junior and senior seasons he combined to score 41 goals and add 31 assists. It was his senior season that he'll always remember, and not for scoring 29 goals, and not for being a Cape Ann League All-Conference Player - but for what the team did.

"I had a lot of good memories but my senior year when the hockey team made the trip to the Garden to play for the state championship was such a great experience," he said. "Even though we lost, we grew as a team. And specially, the Division 2 North sectional game against Tewksbury, the atmosphere, how we won it - was just awesome."

Mello and teammates Eric Siegel and Mike Cabral became a three-horse show as the leaders of that Wildcat

team that advanced to the Garden and lost in the Division 2 state championship game to Sandwich, 1-0.

"He is very comparable to Justin Vallas (the program's all-time leading scorer)," said Scanlon, as Vallas helped lead the team to a North Sectional appearance in 1998. "They would just make big plays in big games and you need those kinds of players in order to win."

Titles Galore

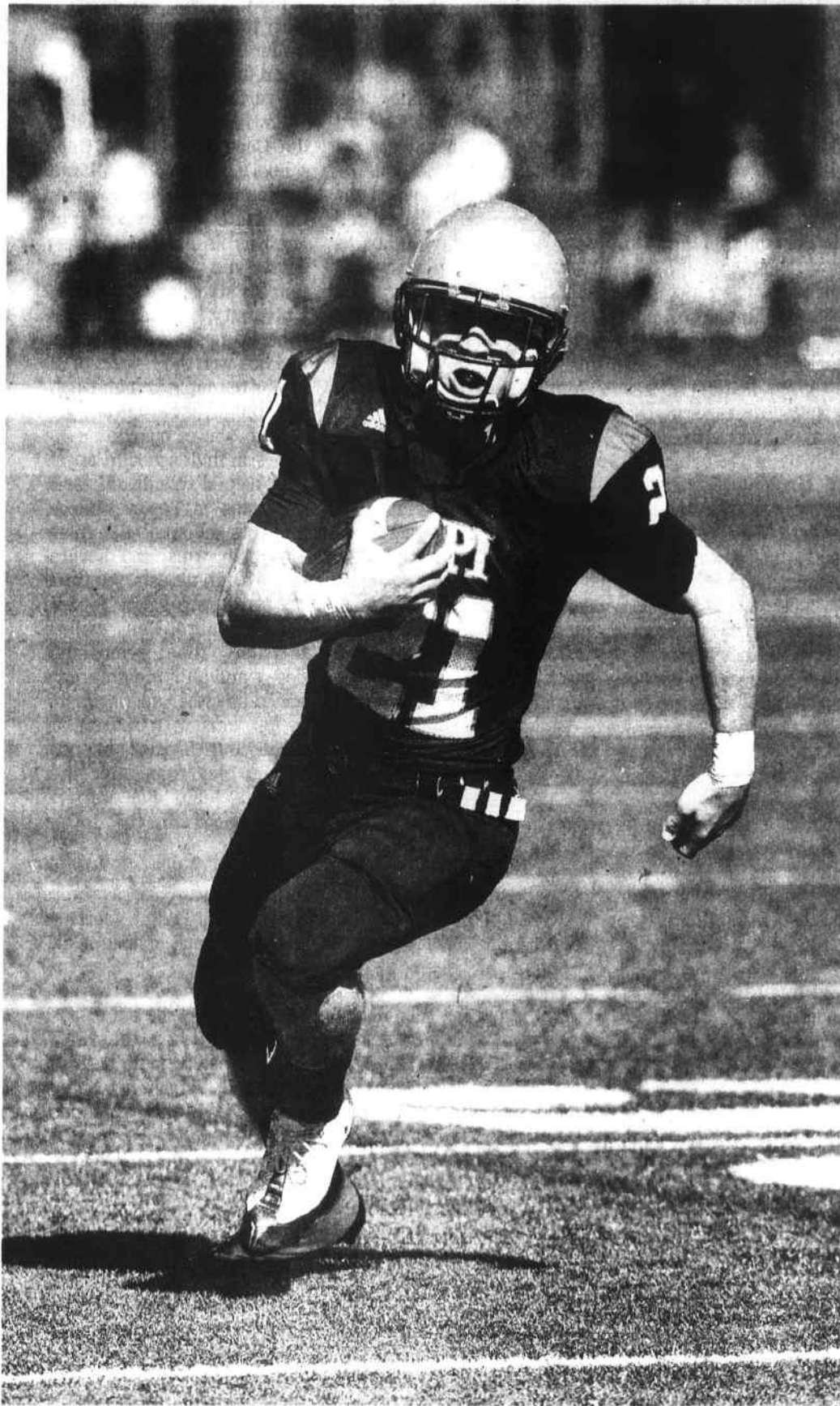
And win is all Ernie Mello has ever done. He was part of back-to-back Wildcat Football teams that shared the Cape Ann League Championship back in 2006 and '07. It was during his senior season, back in the Fall of '07, when he scored seven touchdowns and rushed for 375 yards in one game, a home victory against Lawrence.

"Yeah that game does stand out," he said with a big laugh. "That was just a memory of my senior year which was great all-around. I mean I was a captain on three teams that all won a league title - so I have such great memories of all three teams that senior year."

Besides rushing for 1,700 yards and scoring 29 touchdowns helping the football team take a share of the title, and besides having a combined 47 points and helping the ice hockey team capture its first ever sectional title and make its first trip to the state final since 1984,

Mello also was a key fixture in the baseball team's share of the league title during the Spring of 2008. He made a switch to play his third position in as many seasons, and after making 11 errors his junior year, he didn't make a single error on 94 chances during his senior season and was given the team's Gold Glove Award playing first and

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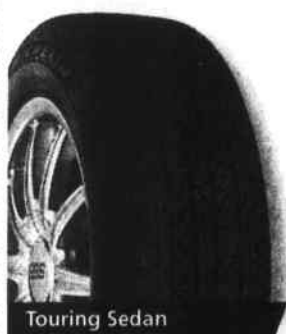


Wilmington resident Ernie Mello shown here running the ball for the WPI Football team this past season. He led the team in all purpose yards, and he's just a sophomore. (courtesy photo/WPI).

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Female Athlete of the Decade: Lani Cabral-Pini

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year at this time, Lani Cabral-Pini was named the first female ever to become a two-time selection for the Wilmington Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Decade dating back to the inception of the award in 1994. That feat is certainly nothing to sneeze at. Neither is the fact that she earned 24 varsity letters between high school and college, playing three sports for each of the past eight years, while holding a 3.89 grade point average in college, and yes, embarrassment time, all the while being vertically challenged, standing at just five feet tall.

She has a very long list of personal and team accomplishments both athletically and academically, but no matter how many times it's written in this newspaper, the fact that she was an impact player on all six teams she played on, earned 24 varsity letters, all while maintaining an almost perfect GPA, goes without saying, that she certainly deserves the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Decade Award.

"There were many outstanding WHS female athletes from the last decade," said Sue Hendee, who served as Cabral-Pini's high school soccer coach. "Some were three sport athletes and some went on to have successful collegiate careers. Lani is the only athlete I have ever known to be a three sport athlete for all four years in high school and college."

"What makes this even more unique is that she was not just a participant, she was a starter and impact player on every team from day one. For eight years, Lani played a major role in helping teams build programs and win championships."

"What is most unbelievable about Lani is that she was able to play eight years of three sports per year, graduate near the top of her class in high school, and with a GPA of 3.89 in college. Beyond all of this, she is also just a great person."

"Lani absolutely deserves to be recognized as the athlete of the decade. I am really proud of her and all that she has accomplished. I cannot think of anyone who has represented herself and the Town of Wilmington in a better way."

Working her way up

It's here in Wilmington where Lani first became such a gifted athlete, playing in all kinds of youth and travel leagues, before getting to the high school level. That's when she says she became a

better athlete because of those players surrounding her.

"I have to thank all my teammates, especially the other girls up for this award because all of them were my teammates as some point or another and have helped me to be a successful player and have helped my teams be as triumphant as they were," said Lani. "Those girls deserve a round of applause for all of their accomplishments."

You want to talk about accomplishments? OK, here we go with Lani's starting with high school. From 2002 to 2006, Cabral-Pini was an all-star in two sports and all-league player in softball, as well as a point guard on the basketball team that qualified for the state tournament during her junior year for the first time in the previous four years.

In addition she was part of five league championship teams including three in softball and two in soccer, the one as a junior was the first time in school history. That season, the team advanced to the second round of the state tournament losing to Wakefield in a shoot-out.

"That game stands out as a top highlight," she said. "We lost that game with ten penalty kicks, and the only reason we went to PKs was because (Lauren) Rappoli scored all three goals to tie the game up - (that was just) ridiculous."

Cabral-Pini also pointed out a game from her senior year in softball, where it took two days and 17 innings before a team scored in the Division 2 North sectional semi-final played against league rival Triton Regional held at Lowell's Martin Field. Triton ended up winning the game, ending Wilmington's season.

Cabral-Pini said despite that game and the Wakefield contest being losses, she still holds a lot of memories in her heart today from those two Wildcat teams.

"I know these are both losses, but these games left a mark just because of how no one can really say that they played for that long (in softball) or had that many penalty kicks," she said. "These are the games that you're so anxious and nervous, that it actually feels good."

Her accomplishments in college go beyond 'ridiculous'. But in a nutshell, she was a two-time all-conference selection in both softball and soccer; she holds the basketball program's record in steals with 237, she was a three-sport captain, two sport Team MVP, Lesley College's Female Athlete of the Year and a two-time member of the All Academic team. And

to top it off, she was a part of four tournament, league or conference championships.

And that just barely touches the surface.

"She has been recognized by the Cape Ann League (high school), and North Atlantic Conference and New England Collegiate Conference (college) as an All-Star in every sport, and was named captain for six seasons at Lesley University," said Hendee. "She is an incredible leader and has won the respect of all of her teammates and coaches throughout her career."

After those heartbreaking losses in high school, Cabral-Pini helped rebuild all three programs at Lesley College, and that followed with many enjoyable wins and several other tough defeats. All three programs struggled to win before Cabral-Pini walked through the gymnasium doors, and all three programs ended up either making history by wins in a season, or advancing further in post season play than any other previous team. For starters, it happened on the soccer field.

"Every time we played Elms, it was like we were playing for some sort of national championship; especially in soccer since we had never beaten Elms in nine years or so," she said. "We ended up losing the NECC championship game to Elms in penalty kicks my senior year, but I can remember everything that happened play for play that entire game and I know I always will. I have never cried so much after a final game as I did with soccer."

"My other favorite game would be the time we played Gordon my senior year. We tied 1-1 after double overtime, but we scored in the final nine minutes of the game. This is so memorable to me because of how we celebrated the goal - no other celebration matched that."

Tear down the net

Just several months after that special victory, she was a part of another one, this time on the basketball court.

"Definitely winning the NECC Championship over Daniel Webster (this past year)," she said. "They gave us a run for our money toward the end, but keeping my team relaxed and settled really was a nice cap to an entire four years. The best part of all was cutting down the net in Mitchell's gym."

As a junior, Cabral-Pini was a part of the Lesley College women's softball team that went on to play in the NCAA tournament after winning the NAC.

"No one expected us to win



Wilmington resident Lani Cabral-Pini has been named the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Decade after four successful years playing soccer, softball and basketball at both WHS and Lesley College in Cambridge.

that league; especially over all the Maine teams we were up against - Husson, Thomas, and Farmington," she said. "We forced seven games in a double elimination tournament, which we did last year too, and the underdogs prevailed. It was the best feeling winning a championship over UMaine Farmington in a league that we were no longer going to be a part of the next year and seeing all the stunned faces."

No other championship has ever felt so good. No one could have asked for a better outcome. Everyone stepped up in their own way and played a huge role in our success."

This past spring, Cabral-Pini helped the softball program win the NECC Regular Season Championship, the NECC Tournament Championship, while leading all NCAA Division 3 players with walks per game, after

leading the entire division in runs per game as a junior. And she did it standing just five feet tall.

"I really have to thank my coaches for pushing me and believing in this little girl when no one else would take me seriously," she said. "And of course I have to thank my family for being my biggest fans and my hardest critics. It only made me stronger, faster, and better."

Lani Cabral-Pini

Overall - Earned 12 varsity letters in high school, excelling in soccer, basketball and softball, and also earned 12 varsity letters in college excelling in the same sports at Lesley College, all while carrying a 3.89 GPA in college. During high school career, she was part of five league championship teams, and during collegiate career she was a part of two league championship teams.

High School Softball

- Helped Softball team capture three Cape Ann League titles, and helped one team reach the Division 2 North Sectional Final and state tournament play all four years.
- Lowell Sun First Team All-Star as a senior.
- Named a two-time Cape Ann League All-Star, and was named All-Conference as a senior.
- Led team in almost every offensive category as a senior.

Soccer

- Helped lead Soccer team to its first ever Cape Ann League Championship Title as a junior, and was part of back-to-back league title seasons as a junior and senior.
- Was a four-year starter as a midfielder.
- Cape Ann League All-Star as a senior.

Basketball

- Was team's point guard, who during junior year helped team reach state tournament for first time in four years.

Other

- Only female this decade to be named the Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year twice (04 and 08).

College

- Lesley College Rookie of the Year in 2006
- NAC All-Academic Team - 2008
- NCAA National Student-Athlete Leadership Development Conference - 2008
- Lesley University Academic All-Star Team - 2008
- NECC Academic All-Conference - 2009
- LAMBDA Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society - 2009
- Lesley College All Academic Team in 2009
- Lesley College Female Athlete of the Year in 2009

Soccer

- Captain - Fall 2007, 2008
- NAC All-Conference 2nd Team - Fall 2006
- NAC All-Conference 1st Team - Fall 2007
- NECC All-Conference 1st Team - Fall 2008
- NEWISA Senior Bowl All Star Game - 2008

Basketball

- Captain - 2008, 2009
- Bon Appetit Classic Tip Off Tournament All Tournament Team - 2007 and 2008
- NECC Champions - 2009
- NECC All-Conference Honorable Mention - 2009
- Holds program record with 237 steals
- Team MVP in 2009

Softball

- Captain - 2008, 2009
- NAC Rookie of the Week - 2006
- NAC All-Conference 1st Team - 2008
- NCAA DIII leader - walks per game, runs per game - 2008
- NAC Champions - 2008
- NECC Regular Season Champions - 2009
- NECC Tournament Champions - 2009
- NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete Award - all four years, 2006 through 2009
- NECC All-Conference 1st Team - 2009
- Team MVP in 2009



Cabral-Pini has been named the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year twice, and now the Female Athlete of the Decade.

Final ballot sheets of the 10-person panel

The Coach of the Decade as well as the Male and Female Athletes of the Decade were decided upon a panel of ten people who are close to WHS Sports. Each panel member was given a biography of each nominee, as well as a ballot sheet and had to rank each nominee from top to bottom. The panel members will not be named, but their final ballots appear below, going across represented as letters, with a numerical value going down.

Coach of the Decade (Total points per individual 60)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Total
Scanlon	6	6	5	5	5	6	6	6	4	6	55
McCune	5	5	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	53
Almeida	3	4	2	2	4	4	4	4	6	3	36
Pimental	4	3	4	3	3	2	2	1	3	4	29
Cripps	2	1	1	4	1	3	1	3	2	2	20
Fessenden	1	2	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	17

Female Athlete of the Decade (Total points per individual 70)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Total
Cabral-Pini	5	7	5	5	7	7	6	3	5	7	57
Bozzella	7	6	7	3	5	5	7	5	7	4	56
Rappoli	6	4	6	7	4	4	2	7	6	3	53
Vitale	4	5	4	6	3	2	5	6	3	6	44
See	3	2	3	1	6	6	3	2	4	5	35
Rubino	1	3	2	4	1	1	4	1	2	1	20
Lyons	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	4	1	2	19

Male Athlete of the Decade (Total points per individual 60)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Total
Mello	6	6	4	6	5	5	6	5	3	6	52
Herra	5	5	6	1	6	6	5	6	6	1	47
Swiezynski	4	4	3	5	4	1	4	4	2	2	33
Gore	2	2	5	2	3	3	3	2	5	4	31
Luongo	3	1	2	3	2	4	2	1	4	5	27
Vassallo	1	3	1	4	1	2	1	3	1	3	20

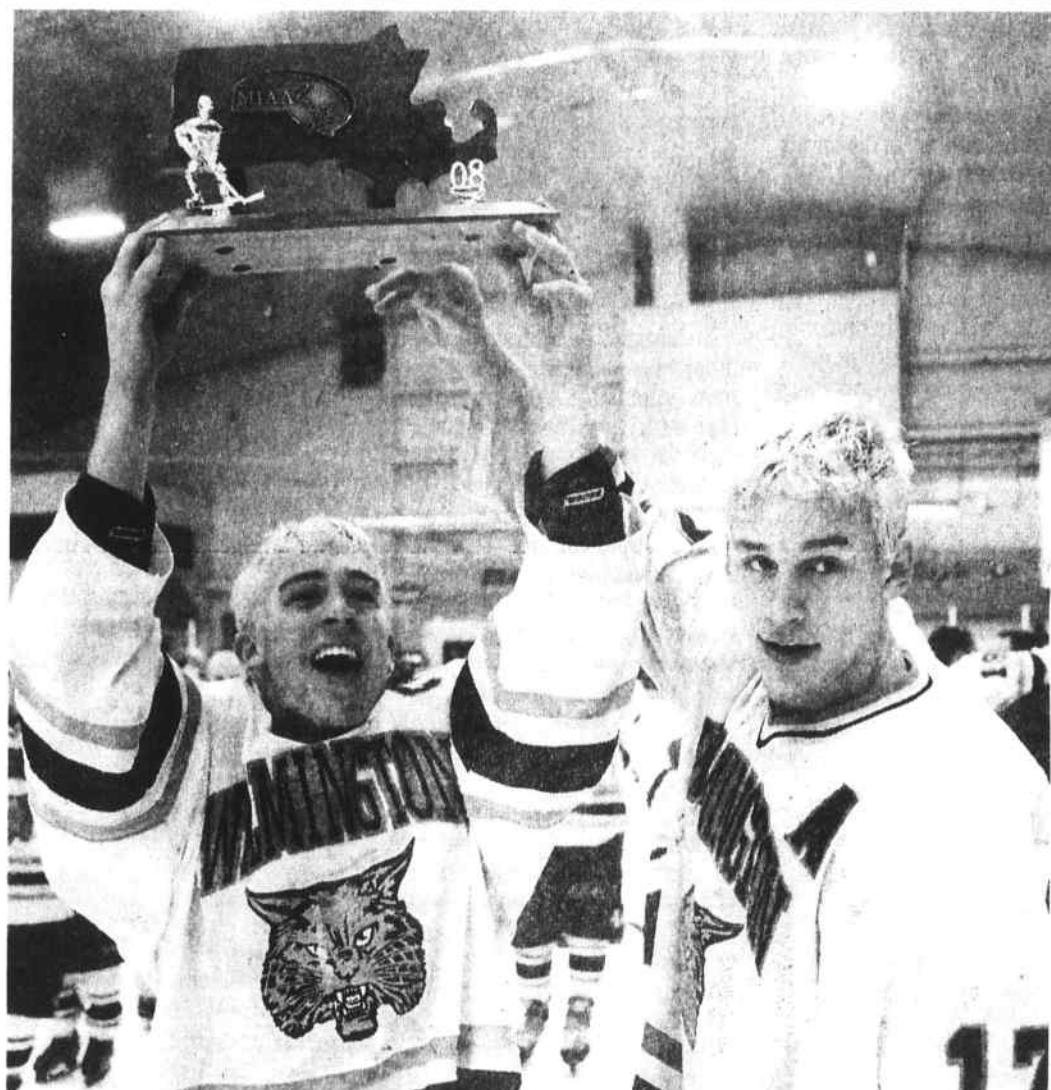
Male Athlete of the Decade: Ernie Mello

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second base. Moreover, Mello helped that Wildcat baseball team reach the state tournament where it was knocked out by none other than Tewksbury. That ended the baseball career of Mello, who left with a career batting average of .315 and 21 stolen bases over three seasons. That also was the last game he ever played at WHS, and he left as an All-Scholastic Football player, an All-Conference Hockey player, as well as being named the WHS and Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Year among many other impressive personal and team accomplishments.

"Ernie was always ready to go," said Scanlon. "He was a good leader. He was the kid who would step up in the locker room and say something that was not always the popular thing, but something that needed to be said. That's rare these days - he actually did his job as a captain. He was a leader by example. He would go that extra mile and he was such a hard nosed kid."

That hard nosed player has kept up those incredible feats at the collegiate level making



Ernie Mello, left, proudly displayed the Division 2 North Sectional Championship Hockey trophy back in 2008 after the dramatic win over Tewksbury.

an impact right away. This past fall as a sophomore, he led WPI in all purpose yards with 1,168 including 417 rushing yards, 154 receiving yards and 7 touchdowns. He led the Liberty League in kickoff return yards with 24.9 average and was selected second team All Liberty League kickoff return specialist, as well as being named to the

Liberty League All Academic team.

He says the reasons for his success -- starting from when he was 11 and running the ball to when he's 20 and doing the same thing -- are pretty easy.

"I really have to thank my parents, my Mom and Dad for all of their support and my whole family actually," he

said. "My teammates and my coaches of all of the teams have been so great, so I really would like to thank them all."

Ernie Mello

Overall - Had one of the most impressive calendar years. As a senior, he captained the Football, Hockey and Baseball teams to league championships, while leading the Hockey team to the Division 2 State Championship Game. He also rushed for 1,700 yards in football, scored 29 goals in hockey, and batted over .300 in baseball. Currently a running back/kickoff returner for WPI.

Baseball

- Three-year varsity starter who played many positions including catcher, third base, second base, first base and DH.
- Was a captain during senior season.
- Helped lead baseball team to a share of the Cape Ann League title as a senior. That was the program's first title in the history of the league. That team also advanced to the state tournament.
- As a senior was given the team's Gold Glove Award as he didn't commit an error the entire season on 94 chances.
- As a junior, batted .333.
- Finished career batting .315 with 46 hits, 1 home run, 10 RBI, 11 doubles, 1 triple, 21 stolen bases, a .425 slugging percentage and a .420 on base percentage.
- Dick Scanlon Memorial All Tournament team selection 2008.

Hockey

- Four year varsity player.
- Was a captain and team MVP during senior season
- As a junior ended with 12 goals, 13 assists and 25 points while receiving Jack Smith Award.
- As a senior, he helped lead the ice hockey team to a Cape Ann League title, the program's first ever Division 2 North Sectional Championship Title, and a trip to the Division 2 State Final played at the TD Bank North Garden. That team finished with a 17-3-4 overall record, including a 15-game unbeaten streak.
- Scored a team high 29 goals and 18 assists during his senior season.
- Named a Cape Ann League All-Conference selection once, was a two-time league all-star and named a Lowell Sun First Team All-Star as a senior.

Football

- Was a captain and team MVP during senior season.
- Three-year varsity starter.
- As a senior, was a Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic.
- Rushed for 1,725 yards and 29 touchdowns as a senior.
- During senior season, had 375 rushing yards and 7 touchdowns in the team's win over Lawrence. The 375 yards and 7 touchdowns broke school records.
- Helped lead the Football team to back-to-back Co-Cape Ann League Championship teams in 2006 and '07.
- Named the Lowell Sun Player of the Year as a senior.
- Agganis Bowl MVP 2008.
- Shriners All-Star game selection 2008.
- National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete 2008.

College

- Has played two years of Football at WPI, including his sophomore year finishing with 417 rushing yards, 154 receiving yards, and 7 touchdowns.
- Led Liberty League with 598 kickoff return yards with a 24.9 average per return.
- Led WPI with 1168 all purpose yards.
- Selected second team All Liberty league kickoff return specialist.
- Selected 1st Team Worcester Area All Star as kickoff return specialist.
- Second team Worcester Area All Star team running back.
- Selected Liberty League All Academic team 2009.
- Liberty League Offensive Player of the Week, 9-21-09.

Other

- Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year in 2007.
- Doctor Gerald Fagan Award winner for outstanding Wilmington High School Athlete 2007-2008.
- Sons of Italy Annual Sports Award recipient 2008.

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Female Athlete of the Year: Brittney McLaughlin

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After answering questions in the middle of the Wilmington High School gymnasium for about a half hour, obviously embarrassed as some of her friends and classmates looked on, Brittney McLaughlin was asked about her other hobbies, besides being a three-sport athlete. She shrugged her shoulders, smiled and said "No I don't have any really, just sports. So I'm kind of boring."

While the comment was pretty funny in the moment, the truth is there's nothing boring about McLaughlin. She's a super nice kid, very thoughtful and caring, always has nice things to say about people, loves her family and her friends and is extremely appreciative. She's humbled but also very truthful about her own abilities and what she did and what she didn't do to help teams out.

But the one thing she probably doesn't realize is that her accomplishments both as a person and as a student-athlete are the complete opposite of boring.

"Beyond athletics, Brittney is a strong student who wants to pursue a career in nursing," said girls' soccer coach Sue Hendee. There's nothing boring about helping other people in dire need and Hendee sees a future in that field for this bright, hard working unassuming kid. "I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching Brittney for the past four years. She is a great kid and a talented player who will truly be missed."

Said softball coach Audrey Cabral-Pini: "Brittney's a first class person. She's just a very coachable kid, who does a lot of things for us and who will do anything to help the team. She's not about individual stats at all - it's always about the team wins. When she's catching, I'll ask her to give me her thoughts on the

pitcher and if we need to make a change. She'll say yeah the pitcher is gassed and we need to make a change. That's not an easy thing to do when you're friends with these kids. She doesn't hold back because she knows it's all about doing what's best for the team."

Over the calendar year, McLaughlin was part of the 4x200 relay team that placed third at the CAL Meet and 21st at the State Meet during the indoor track season. She was also a consistent performer in the 300 and as part of the 4x400 relay team.

Then in softball, she was an all-league catcher, leading the Wildcats in almost every offensive category, while throwing out 92 percent of would-be base stealers. Finally in soccer, she led the team in scoring and was an all-league selection again, and leaves the program as its ninth all-time leading scorer.

Whether it's running a straightaway, belting a huge home run against Amesbury, or scoring a key goal to give the soccer team a win, there's nothing boring about this three-sport athlete. The so called 'boring' teenager doesn't want to think about the day when her Wildcat playing days come to an end.

"I'm really sad to think that it's going to be over soon," she said. "I love it here. But I'm hoping that once I get into college, that things will continue to go as well. Obviously the people I got to know in high school, I'll never forget them and I'm going to always remember them."

The torch lives on

McLaughlin is the oldest of three daughters to Glen and Nancy. She has two younger sisters, Taylor and Michaela, who she said she is very close too. They both are athletes as well, and Brittney enjoys watching their games.

"Yeah we played a lot

together in the backyard (growing up)," she said. "We would get our dogs out there and they would chase us around with the soccer balls and stuff so that was a lot of fun."

Brittney said she gets a kick out of watching her sisters play sports, grow older and loves being that one they can look up to for guidance.

"Obviously I have to be responsible and show them what's right and not right, but it's definitely fun because I'm very close with all of them," she said. "They are both into sports so I go to their games and it's fun because I wonder if I was like that when I was their age."

It was around Michaela's age or thereabouts when Brittney first got into sports. She started out playing soccer, and then joined up on the softball team. Little did she know at the time that her entire family were athletes. Her father played baseball and hockey "and maybe wrestling and football" at WHS, and her Mom played field hockey and softball at Burlington High School.

"My Mom gives me more field hockey stories, but there's been some softball stories," she said with a laugh. "I have four aunts and one uncle on my mother's side and all of my aunts were involved with softball, and were all catchers, and even my grandmother was a catcher at one point."

While many of the Aunts were catchers, they are also nurses or in the medical field, which Brittney already has her sights on after graduating from WHS in June.

"My Mom will come home with these crazy stories - there was one time when she said a guy almost killed himself but a group of people who didn't know each other came together to help him and they saved his life. That was very inspiring to me."



Wilmington High School Senior Brittney McLaughlin ranks 9th All-Time in the history of the Girls Soccer program in scoring. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

That inspiration that her Mom gives her, Brittney hopes she can pay back a little by expressing her gratitude publicly to her family.

"My grandparents are always at all of my games and are always very supportive," she said. "And I want to thank my Mom and Dad for always supporting me throughout my high school career and obviously all of my coaches for teaching me everything and believing in me too. They all did a really good job."

Going straightaway

McLaughlin joined the indoor track team as a sophomore just so it could benefit her with her foot speed for softball. Shortly after putting on the running shoes, her ideas of running indoors quickly changed.

"I started my sophomore year and I thought it was just going to help me stay in shape for softball but I actually really like it," she said. "The more I ran, the more I competed and the more I liked the sport."

After her rookie season, McLaughlin improved greatly as a junior. This past winter she ran the 300 meters individually, and was also a part of the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams.

The 4x400 relay team just missed qualifying for the state meet, but she was part of a successful 4x200 relay team serving as the team's anchor leg. She joined Lizz Chin, Catrina Fryer and Carmen Palumbo, and the foursome finished third at the CAL Meet, and then 21st at the Class C State Meet with a season best time of 1:54.4.

"Working with (Chin, Fryer and Palumbo) was a lot of fun," she said. "We all tried our best, and we all got along. There was never any animosity between us, and they always did a great job."

You would think that being an anchor leg of a relay team is much more difficult than running a normal 300 meters on your own. But McLaughlin begs to differ.

"The 300 is usually two straightaways and one turn and I feel like that's harder than running on the 4x400 relay team which is one lap around," she said. "I'm the last leg and it's really not a

lot of pressure - well I never thought about it as being pressure until after I ran. It wasn't bad - I just tried to catch the person who was in front of me or keep the lead that we had."

But now two of those teammates have graduated and McLaughlin was looking for new members to join up before the 2009-10 season begun. Before that happens, she said she'll remember the good times she had as part of that relay team.

"We had a real good team, and we had a lot of fun. I miss all of the seniors we had from last year, so we had fun," she said.

Entering this season, McLaughlin earned that respect from her coaches and teammates as she was elected as a team captain. Head coach Tom Bradley said that's because of the incredible work ethic she has put in over the previous two years.

"I have always seen her give all out effort," said Bradley. "Brittney is a good example to all. Having seen her play softball and soccer she is just a tough competitor, and I'm very impressed with her. Brittney is a super competitor first and foremost. Track is her third sport and she is quite good."

"She is a point scorer in the 300 every meet and has generally anchored the 4x400 relay and she was on a state qualifying 4x200 team. She is a captain on this year's team. I wish I had her for spring track but she loves softball."

Catching on nicely

McLaughlin will be playing in her fourth year on the varsity softball team come this Spring. She serves as the team's catcher, and having a girl come in as a freshman and start at that position all four years hasn't happened to often with the proud program. She made an impact right away as a freshman helping a very young team at the time go through growing pains. As a sophomore she was named a league all-star, despite missing the last four games with an elbow injury.

"We were on our way to the state tournament that year and when Brittney got hurt, we lost our last four games and we didn't make it," said current head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini, who served as an assistant that season. "All we needed was one win and we couldn't get it, so I think that shows you how important Brittney has been to the program."

The elbow injury really

affected the way she played defense. She struggled defensively through her first two seasons, mostly throwing out runners. She always had the bat, but defensively she knew she had to improve. She said getting over the injury and fixing her stance made it all come together this past spring where she threw out 92 percent of would-be base stealers.

"I hurt my elbow so I went to a strength coach and he told me what I was doing wrong," she said. "He said my stance was off a little bit, that I wasn't standing wide enough, so when I came up my front foot was behind my back foot."

Getting completely healthy and tweaking a few things defensively really helped McLaughlin emerge on the diamond. She has a fantastic junior season for the Wildcats. She was named to the Cape Ann League All-Conference team after batting .378 with 3 home runs, 24 RBI with 7 doubles, 4 triples and scoring 16 runs. She led the team in every offensive category except batting where she ranked second.

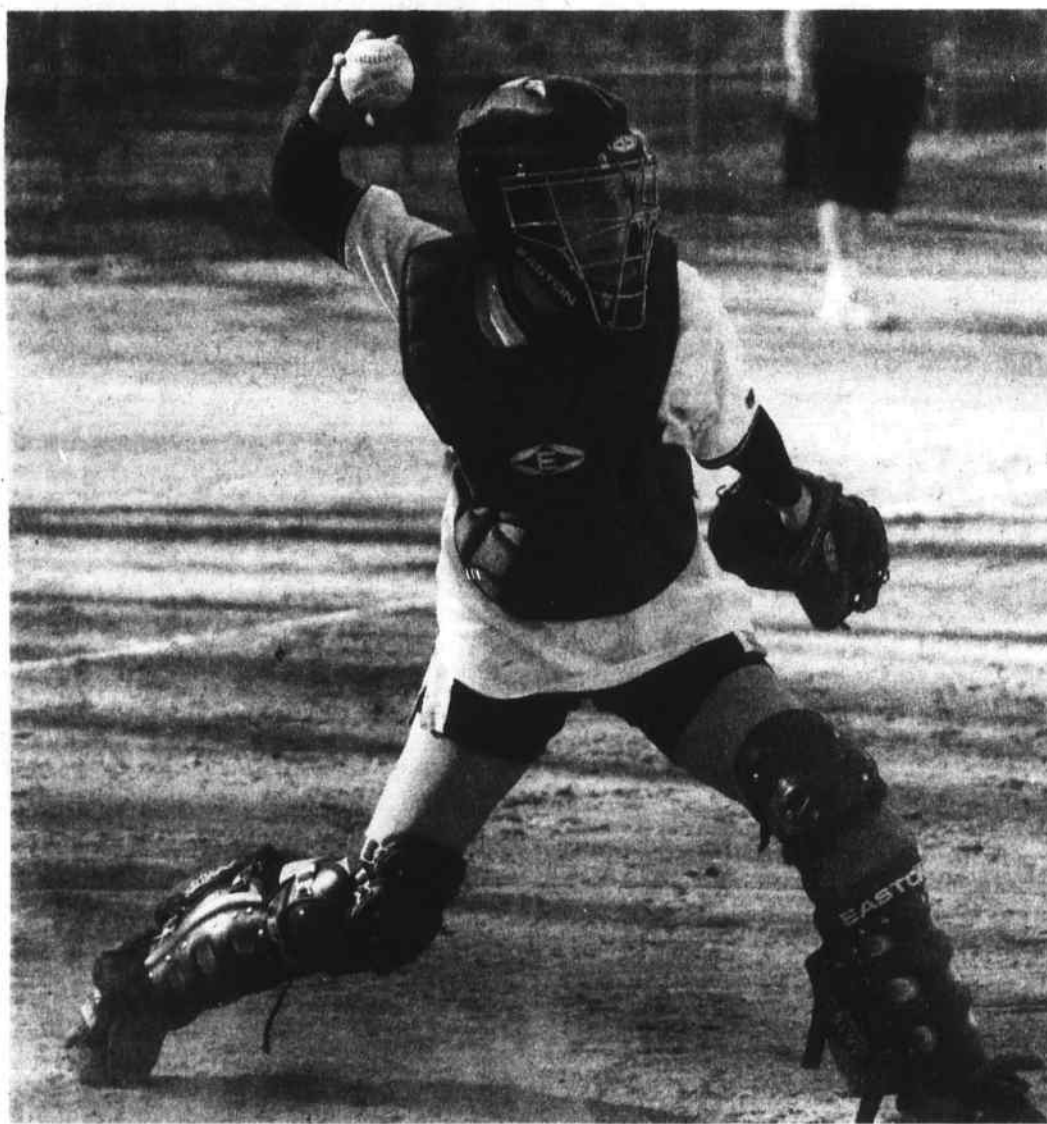
"It's not always about power with Brittney," said Cabral-Pini. "When she needs to lay down a bunt, she does a great job sacrificing. She doesn't care how she gets on base. She can hit the ball like crazy. When you hit third or fourth in the line-up, you tend to put more pressure on yourself, well at least she does. She takes what the defense gives her. If the third baseman is playing back, she'll drop down a bunt or she'll try to get on with a single."

Wilmington finished the regular season with an 11-9 record, before trouncing Newburyport 10-1 in the first round of the tournament and then finishing out the season with a 6-1 second round loss to Tewksbury.

"That was really exciting because we hadn't made states the previous two years. It was really exciting that we made it in Audrey's first year, and then we won a game and made it to the second round," said McLaughlin. "I thought we could have beat Tewksbury since we did earlier in the season, but hopefully we can get back this year and do even better."

"I think maturity level had a lot to do with it," she continued about the team getting to post-season play. "As you get older and have more experience, you start to play against

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This past spring as a junior, Brittney McLaughlin threw out 92 percent of would-be base stealers for the WHS Softball team. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Male Athlete of the Year: Caleb Rogers

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Wilmington High senior Caleb Rogers can truly be called a man for all seasons. There seemed to be no rest for the three sport star for the Wildcats this past year, as he dominated the winter, spring and fall seasons with outstanding performances in winter and spring track as well as being a part of the sectional finalist Wildcats soccer team.

Rogers was part of an undefeated 4 x 400 winter track team that set school, CAL and state records in the winter while winning the Division 3 state championship, was part of another outstanding CAL championship 4 x 400 relay team in the spring, while also having outstanding individual success in both seasons.

And finally, he capped off the 2009 calendar season by helping to lead the Wildcats soccer team to their first sectional final in ten years, scoring 11 goals and being named to the CAL All-Conference team, as well as being named as an Eastern Mass All-Star.

It is for these reasons that Caleb Rogers, a National Honor Society member at WHS, has been selected as the Town Crier's 2009 Male Athlete of the Year.

As great a year as Rogers had, the humble star did not see this honor coming to him. Much like his reaction to being named as a CAL All-Conference selection, and to the Eastern Mass All-Star team, Rogers handled the news of his honor very gracefully.

"I was pretty shocked," Rogers said. "I did not see this coming at all with so many great athletes in our school. It is a great honor."

Rogers added that several people deserve a lot of recognition on the behalf of the award.

"My mom has been to every single track meet I have been in, even the ones at the Reggie Lewis Center. She comes in and pays her money and stays for the whole meet just to see me run my 60 seconds," he said before being asked about backyard games as a child. "We played a lot of soccer growing up. My dad would play sometimes too."

"(My coaches too). (Steve) Scanlon is a great guy and really knows his stuff. It was great playing for him. It doesn't matter who he has on the team he will make them good. (Bob) Cripps is great too. I like him. He is totally

different than Scanlon, but they both find ways to win."

Eleven is enough

The recently concluded soccer season is one that Wilmington High fans will not soon forget, as the team went through a remarkable 15-0-3 regular season with Rogers, a forward/midfielder being one of the main reasons for the success with his 11 goals on the campaign.

It was a season that most players and teams only dream about, but Rogers and the rest of his teammates got to experience it first hand and what made it most special for him was going through it with a group of players he had come to have great faith in.

"We had a great team. It was just a great bunch of guys," Rogers said. "We hung out together almost every day after practice and we just had a real great chemistry. We were all just great friends and we loved to win together."

And as for his 11 goals and his selection to multiple post season all-star teams, Rogers once again credits the team for his individual success.

"With Nick (Godzyk) and Chris (DiCecca) in the middle and working with Andy Owens things just seem to work out with kids like that," Rogers said. "And with (Michael) Murphy's big throws it's hard not to score 11 goals."

Soccer coach Steve Scanlon agrees that it was the efforts of the entire team that made the Wildcats so successful this season, but he also knows that the team was much better because they had Rogers.

"Caleb is a real good, all-around player. He's got good skills, good speed, great endurance, he can defend, he can play midfield and he's just a real versatile player," Scanlon said during the regular season. "He's strong and he's just a real good kid. The kids have a lot of respect for him and he's just one of those kids you want on your team."

And Rogers got to play with some more great players once he got to the CAL and Eastern Mass All-Star games. While he would always prefer playing with his teammates and the great skill they brought to each game, he also enjoyed playing in these special games.

"It was great to get to play with the best kids in the league and then the best kids in all of Eastern Mass," Rogers said. "It was an honor just to be on the same



Wilmington High senior Caleb Rogers had terrific indoor and outdoor track seasons for the Wildcats.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

field as them."

Make no mistake Rogers earned his way on to those All-Star teams. He had been a good player for the Wildcats in the past, but it was through his own efforts that he improved to the point of being voted one of the top six players in the league by the opposing coaches which is an automatic selection to the Eastern Mass. game.

"He's improved because of his strength - I mean he's a big strong kid who never stops working. He has that engine that never stops," Scanlon said. "He can play at a really high clip and you could have him go for the full 80 minutes if you needed him too. He's just been a real good player for us."

"I think Caleb was a top notch captain for us. He was really respected by his teammates and the coaches. You

won't meet a nicer kid. He's just an all-around student-athlete and a great kid. He always had the team first."

About team work

Rogers closed out his junior year with a tremendous season as part of the Wildcats spring track team. The 4 x 400 team of Rogers, Jon Parrella, Nick Folk and Jimmy DiNuccio, coming off their record breaking winter season, continued their remarkable run by going undefeated once again in the regular season against every Cape Ann League team they faced. In addition the four of them also won the relay title at the CAL Championship Meet in a time of 3:30.01, beating their closest competitors by a huge margin of ten seconds.

The foursome also finished third in the Division 3 state

meet in a time of 3:27.31 and was 19th at the All-States in a time of 3:34.71.

Rogers was also part of the 4 x 200 team that finished second at the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Relay Meet in a time of 1:32.68. He also had some great individual success as well, finishing third in the CAL Meet in the 400 with a personal best time of 51.8 seconds and seventh in the same event at the Division 3 state meet in a time of 51.89 seconds.

For Rogers and his 4 x 400 teammates, having a not just successful, but undefeated season in the spring season after having such an amazing winters season was very important.

"We didn't want anyone to take us down," Rogers said. "In the regular season meets you want to show you have still got it and are still serious about the 4 x 400, and then we were also able to do well in the league and state meets. The spring is a lot more intense and there is a lot better competition."

For Rogers coach Bob Cripps, seeing him as part of a hard working group that wanted to keep getting better came as no surprise.

"It's his work ethic that has made him so successful," Cripps said. "Even in practice every day he works hard. Anything I ask him to do he will do it, because he is always trying to improve."

State Championship never gets old

It was Rogers first season of the year in 2009 that may have been his best. Not only did the then junior have some great individual success by putting together a tremendous regular season in the 1,000 meters, and finishing second in the CAL meet with a person best time of 2:40.05, he was part of a 4 x 400 relay team that made school, league and state history.

As the only junior in the relay along with Folk, Parella and DiNuccio, Rogers ran the third leg of the relay and ran it to perfection throughout the regular season as the group was never threatened. That group ran even better in the post season with a second place finish at the McIntyre Relays and a league championship at the CAL meet in a time of 3:30.06.

But those races were merely a prelude to their historic day at the Division 3 State Championship Meet when

they captured the state title and set a new state record with a time of 3:28.39 to edge a very talented Randolph squad.

Rogers was the key cog in the victory as the Wildcats trailed in the race until he grabbed the baton. By the time he was done and was handing the baton off to DiNuccio, he had given the Wildcats a 15-yard lead with a personal best time of 51.2 second for his leg.

"He ran an incredible race," Cripps said at the time. "He took off like he was shot out of a cannon and he never let up and he put us in great position to win."

It was just the latest example in career filled with coming through with peak performances at the most important time. Rogers felt he was just doing his part to help his team win, and he was not about to let his team be denied in their biggest race of the year.

"I just wanted to go as fast as I could because I knew if I gave Jimmy the lead we would have a good chance to win," Rogers said. "Everyone was having a great race, and I did not want to let the team down after all we had been through so we just knew we had to get it done."

One other aspect of winning the state title and setting the record that was not lost on Rogers or his teammates was the sense of making history. The group knew going in to the race that they had a chance to do something they could remember the rest of their lives and they made sure they did it.

"Knowing we had set all of those records was a great feeling," Rogers said. "It was great to be a part of that. And it was great to do it with that group of guys because we had a lot of fun doing it."

As Cripps sees it, it was also great to see a person of Rogers caliber be a part of such a record. Of course Rogers is a great athlete, but Cripps sees him as an even better person.

"He is a very good young man. The kind every mother would like to have," Cripps said. "He is thoughtful and he works with the other kids on the team. He is not arrogant at all about his abilities, which is nice because sometimes kids as talented as he is can let it go to their heads. He is a really great kid."

Female Athlete of the Year: Brittney McLaughlin

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girls who are younger than you and it's different because you're the one who has more experience than them, instead it being the other way around. We knew as a team what we were doing and we all knew what we wanted and we went out and did it."

The Wildcats finished the season with 12 wins, led by the solid hitting by McLaughlin and Crannell, some great defense by Bri Parow, and the good pitching by both Chelsie Babcock and Tori Lord. McLaughlin was asked about the difference of catching two different pitchers.

"I've been playing softball with Chelsie since I was in fourth grade, so I've always been catching her so it's always been a lot of fun competing with her in little league, and then coming to high school, and we also play in the summer together," she said. "So I've always been so used to Chelsie, but with Tori it was a whole new experience because I had never caught her before, but it was good."

Tackling a tough one

On a cold October night, the Wildcats varsity girls soccer team was defeated by Triton and that loss ended the team's chances of qualifying for the state tournament. When the final whistle blew

the entire team really had a hard time grasping the idea that a team full of potential, for whatever reason didn't play to full expectations and the season and the careers for all of the seniors was over.

"That was horrible," she said. "I remember just thinking that as a captain I didn't do what I was supposed to do. Our goal as a team was to make it the states and go far in the state tournament and obviously that didn't happen, and when it didn't happen it was definitely crushing."

McLaughlin was one of the team's forwards and ended as the team's top goal scorer for the second year in a row. But the main problem to this year's team was lack of scoring, whether it be struggling to get the ball to the forwards, or the forwards struggling to finish off their chances. After a while that seemed to really bother a lot of the players.

"There was a lot of pressure," she said. "I mean going into every game, I kept saying OK I have to do this, or I have to set a good example for the younger kids to step up, to be a leader, to get the ball rolling, so when I didn't score or didn't help the team win, it was really frustrating."

The Wildcats finished with a 5-7-6 overall record, falling one win away from qualifying. The team was loaded

with seniors, who McLaughlin said have played together for such a long time. That she added is the biggest reason why it was so difficult to walk away when the season was over.

"We have played together since we were in third grade," she said. "So this season was difficult but we still had fun and that's all that really matters. We were a better team when we came off the field."

"When we were little, that's who we hung out and all of us have remained very close friends ever since. We did have some conflicts in the previous years but this year we all got together because we knew it was our last year playing together as seniors and we knew what we wanted and we wanted to make it a fun year."

McLaughlin leaves the soccer program as the 9th all-time scorer with 26 goals and 10 assists. She was a league all-star two years and was voted to the Cape Ann League All-Conference squad this past fall.

"Brittney is an excellent all-around athlete," said Hendee. "As a soccer player, she combines speed, intensity, skill, and a strong understanding of the game every time she steps on the field. She is a motivating leader and caring teammate with high expectations of herself and the team;

she was an outstanding captain. She has always strived to improve herself as a player, even though she has started for the varsity team since her freshman year."

"She has been our leading scorer for the past two years, CAL All-Star last year, CAL

All-League (top 16 players in the league), Eastern Mass Division II Second Team selection, and team MVP this year. Brittney has gotten better and better every year, and I don't think she has reached her full potential. I see her as being

a successful college player as well."

And there's certainly nothing boring about Brittney McLaughlin's high school accomplishments and the future she has in college, as an athlete and as a nurse-to-be.



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Coach of the Year: Jodi MacKenzie

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No matter how many times it's been said or written, the facts remain that this year's Wilmington High School Field Hockey team's run is a story for the ages, a classic tale such as 'Twas a Night Before Christmas'. And in this tale, Santa gave the town of Wilmington a great gift, named Jodi MacKenzie, who completely turned the program around, having the team's best season since 1992, when she was in elementary school.

The second-year head coach led the Wildcats to an incredible season. The Wildcats finished the regular season with an 12-3-4 record, posting the most wins from any team dating back to 1992. That was the last time any team won a state tournament game, and this year's 'Cats knocked off Swampscott, 1-0, on a cold November night in front of the home crowd, before losing in the next round to a very good Watertown team.

Wilmington finished the season posting a 13-4-4 overall record, and three of their losses came against teams that had a combined record of 53-1-6 this season. All of which came after the team finished with a 3-13-4 record last year in her first year at the helm, and having just 11 combined wins in the previous five combined seasons. Thus this year's Town Crier Coach of the Year was a very easy and obvious choice, as MacKenzie is just the second female to win the award since its inception dating back to 1994.

"Jodi is extremely hard working and organized," said WHS Athletic Director Ed Harrison. "For a game that's hard to follow, she makes it fun for her team and the fans. She has brought the program back and I think she has done an outstanding job."

Having that knack

Jodi MacKenzie grew up in Wilmington, and played sports

her whole life. Her older brother Scot was a talented hockey player at WHS in the early 1990s, and Jodi was a rink rat always watching his games, always running around the rinks. Jodi followed some of Scot's traits as a goal scorer - he did it on the ice, and she did it on the field. She was a three-sport athlete at WHS. While she earned varsity letters and was a contributor on the softball and indoor track teams, her real sport was field hockey.

"Playing at WHS was a great experience for me," she said. "We had so much fun. I always tell the girls (on this year's team) how close we were as a team (when I played). And although there were a number of different groups of friends, when we got on the field we just clicked. We really did have so much fun. And I became really good friends with a lot of people from playing sports here in Wilmington."

Jodi took her speedy legs and goal scoring abilities with her to Endicott College where she continued to play the game she loves.

"The funny part about playing at Endicott College is that we had so many people from Wilmington on the team," she said. "There was Deana Ward, Christina Peters, Julie Gillis, Julie Yentile and myself, and I guess we just couldn't let our past from WHS leave us so we just decided to continue to play together in college. We were known as the Wilmington girls up there. We traveled in packs and we had a really good time in college. I would do anything to do it all over again."

From the time she played at WHS and then at Endicott College, MacKenzie had her share of press clippings. She was a very good field hockey player here at WHS, and now she's become a very good coach here at WHS which is apparent with a certain following.

"It is really funny how my



family followed this season," she said. "In the past, they had followed it through the newspapers, and definitely brought up some not so hot games up at the dinner table. But this year, my mother (Lois) even made it to a game. My brother, who likes to pretend that he doesn't care, would sure comment on a weekly basis, but even he was impressed (with our season this year)." He should be. And so should everyone else.

Newcomer at ease

There were many stars on this year's field hockey team. Liz Crannell was voted to the All-Conference team and as a Lowell Sun First Team All-Star. The team's defense played spectacular all season long, and the forwards showed huge improvement, and the team's skill level, teamwork and overall dedication and commitment to the team and the game was an obvious com-

plete make over from years past. But one of the many great stories from this past year's season was Nicole Luz, who was a first year player, who only joined the team because the team needed a goalie and was urged on by members of the team. She was asked about what her season was like playing for MacKenzie.

"Being new to field hockey it was hard to be introduced to a new coach," she said. "At first Jodi was a little intimidating and I was a little nervous for the tryouts. But after the first tryout I came to the realization that she was not only going to be a great coach but a great role model. Jodi is the type of coach every athlete hopes to play for. She knows how to work a team to their best ability while creating great memories. Jodi is a person who not only pushed her athletes to strive for greatness, but she believed in her athletes even when others didn't."

Much like Joe Maddon did with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays a few years ago, MacKenzie had to get her players believing in themselves, into each other and into her system.

"It's hard to bring back a team who was so used to losing," said Luz. "But Jodi never looked at it that way. She always looked at our season as a fresh start and she never looked at past mistakes. Our whole team worked really hard to reach the success we accomplished in our 2009 season. And without Jodi we never would have made it that far."

Aces all season

Obviously finishing with the most wins the program has had since Bill Clinton served his first year in office, there were a lot of highlights, memories and obviously great and dramatic victories.

"This season has been so rewarding, I really don't know how to describe how great it was," said MacKenzie. "To see the girls come so far (was great), and we had fun at the same time. I can only hope that the spirit and the drive to become better continues over the years."

"I was blessed with such a great crew. We clicked as a team. I was very lucky to have such a great group of seniors too. They are what can make or break a team. They had heart, they had drive, and most of all they wanted to win. Winning games definitely keeps the team spirit up. And now that they know how to win, I expect to be (near or on) top of the Cape Ann League again next year."

The quest all along was not only turn the program around, but reaching the state tournament seemed like a lofty goal, considering the team was coming off just three wins last year. But the Wildcats got off to a red hot start, stumbled for a very short time in the middle, before picking up the pieces and taking over again

in the second half and qualifying for the Division 2 North sectional tournament. There, the Wildcats knocked off Swampscott at home, before losing to Watertown.

"Besides having such an incredible record compared to the prior seasons, I think making it to the second round of the tournament was a great experience for the girls," she said. "It was so hard to see the hurt in the girls eyes on the way home from that Watertown game. We actually sat in the parking lot for a good 20 minutes and soaked up those last moments. As a coach, it is really nice to see how much the girls really didn't want the season to be over. I actually have some girls that just won't give their uniforms back because they are still trying to drag out the connection to the season. It's nice to have such a great group of girls. I really lucked out. I'm really going to miss this year's seniors."

"And the support we received from the town, the school, the Cape Ann League, my friends and my family, was just so awesome. It reminds me why I'm such a townie, and why I'm so proud of it."

MacKenzie, who was also voted the Cape Ann League Coach of the Year, certainly left her mark with one of her seniors, who says she'll always remember the magical three months as a member of the WHS Field Hockey team.

"You know a coach is great when every single one of her athletes would do anything to make her proud," said Luz. "Jodi is a coach that I only had for one season but she gave my team and myself a season that we will never forget. And that is what makes a great coach, which is what Jodi is and what she will continue to be. With her coaching the field hockey team, the program will continue to strive and improve."



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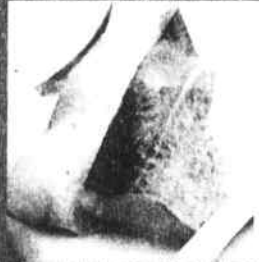
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Colonial Spirit Chorus is a member of Sweet Adelines International and is partially sponsored by Quantech Services, Inc. and the Littleton Rotary.

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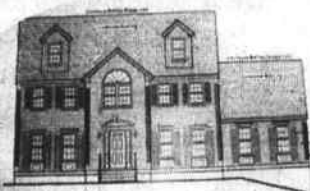
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Local students named to Phillips Academy fall honor roll

ANDOVER - Phillips Academy has announced the names of the students on the honor roll for the fall term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

Below is a list of local students who made the honor roll:

* Jennifer Miao, Class of

2010, of Tewksbury

* Kerstin K. S. Brolsma, Class of 2011, of Tewksbury

* Megan A. Robertson, Class of 2011, of Tewksbury

* Nikhil R. Dixit, Class of 2012, of Wilmington

* Andrea M. Vargas, Class of 2013, of Wilmington

Phillips Academy, also known as Andover, is a coeducational, non-profit, independent high school of 1,100 students, known for its extensive and rigorous academic program. Founded in 1778, the Academy is comprised of a diverse community of teachers and students. For more information, visit the Andover Web site at www.andover.edu.

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Mother Goose Rhyme Time is the new name for our Mother Goose on the Loose program which incorporates music, movement, ritual, repetition, positive reinforcement, developmental tips, nursery rhymes, puppets, musical instruments, colored scarves, and book reading into a fun-filled thirty minute session for children with their parent or caregiver. We have Drop in sessions this month for ages 0 to 3 (up to age 4) on Friday, January 8th and 29th at 10:30am. No registration is required for the drop ins. Older siblings are always welcome to come along! We also will be holding a 3-part Series on Thursdays, January 7th, 14th and 21st at 10:30am. The series is limited to 15 children and registration is required. Registration begins on December 29th and you may call the Children's desk or register online through our calendar. Attendance is

expected at all three sessions of the series.

Wiggle Time is our story time for 2 year olds. We'll be back in February with more Wiggle Times!

January's drop in Toddler Craft will be held on Wednesday, January 20th from 10:30am to 11:30am. Come by any time during the hour to make a Gingerbread Man Craft. No registration required and children ages 18 to 23 months are also welcome to join us. Please, no children ages 3 and up should attend expecting to make the craft.

Preschool Story Time for children ages 3 to 5 is on Tuesdays on January 5th, 12th and 26th at 11:00am. No registration is required, just drop in to hear stories, sing songs and move!

Pajamarama Story Time for ages 3 to 6 is our evening to put on our pajamas, listen to stories, sing and dance! Join us on Wednesday, January 6th and Monday, January 25th at 7:00pm. Pajamas are optional, but we'll be wearing ours! No registration is required.

Try out our new Evening Story & Craft program for ages 3 to 6 on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00pm. Come hear a story and then make a craft based on that story. No registration is required, just drop on in! Miss it? Come to a repeat session during the day! We'll be doing a daytime Story & Craft on Friday, January 15th at 11:00am for ages 3 to 6. No registration is required.

We have 2 drop in Preschool Crafts in January. On Saturday, January 23rd from 11:00am to 12:00pm, children ages 3 to 6 can make a Proud Peacock Puppet. On Wednesday, January 27th from 2:30pm to 3:30pm, make a Puppy Puppet. No registration is required; simply drop in any time during the hour to make the craft. Please, no children under the age of 3 should come expecting to make the craft. One craft per child.

The Read to Me Book & Craft Club is where we all read the same book, then talk about it while snacking. Afterwards we make a craft based on the book! The Club is for kids in grades K to 3. On Wednesday, January 20th at 3:30pm, we'll be discussing Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. Register on January 12th for that group. Each group is limited to 15 kids. Pick up a copy of the book to read at the Children's desk before the group meets. Register online through our calendar or by calling the Children's desk.

School age kids ages 7 to 12 can try our our Zooflakes craft on Wednesday, December 13th from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Come make snowflakes that look like animals! This craft does require some precise cutting. No registration is required, just drop in during the hour to try it out!

For more information, please check us out on the web at www.tewksburypl.org or call us at 978.640.4496.



Members of the Tewksbury Business Association attended an after-work networking hosted by EmbroidMe and sponsored by Main Street Pizza, both of Tewksbury. Among the local business representatives who attended the gathering were (from left to right) Sara Kublin, Market America; Caroline McAlister, Bates Insurance; Richard Brenner, Brenner Real Estate; Kevin Bray, Kevin Bray Plumbing; Tom Pazyra, Topaz Painting; Sarah Gurule, Community Connection Yellow Pages; Steve Trask, Cartridge World; Tim Miller, Embroid Me; Hanson Bechat, Neighborhood Parcel; Mark Kiklis, Kiklis Real Estate; Bruce McCarthy, Bruce Cameron Hair Salon; Jim Beaucaire, Computer Shrinks; Carol Reebenacker, Glacial Energy; Eric Sullivan, Sullivan Electric; Jean Amsterdam, Minuteman Press; Andrea Carbone of Rebar Graphics; Joe Rego, Joe Tardy - Joe's Handyman Service; David Andrade, Andrade Electric; Paul Kourkoulus of Main Street Pizza; Francesca Frasier, Transportation Network; Jeri Bechat, Rachelle Bastien & Melissa D'Ambra of Bruce Cameron Hair Salon; Howie Schnyder, Local Search MA; and Larry Mazzone, Cocard.

Community Blood Drives

Local Realtors at Century 21 Spindler & O'Neil in North Reading and their Wilmington Division, known as Century 21 Starwood have announced two community Blood Drives in honor of their friend, North Reading businessman and resident, Larry Dymont.

The Blood Drives will be held in conjunction with Mass General Hospital's Blood Donor Center, on Tuesday January 5th from 9am to 2 pm, at 247 Main Street, Route 28, North Reading and on Thursday January 7th, at 299 Main Street, Route 38, Wilmington.

According to Broker/Owner Dave O'Neil "Although Larry is well known for his participation in many community activities, this is just our way of saying thanks to Larry and his wife Judy, who over the past 5 years, have helped us raise in excess of \$50,000 for Easter Seals. Each year we host the Parade Of Homes, both in Wilmington and North Reading, showcasing spectacular features in homes that are not for sale, for a donation that goes to help Easter Seals provide services for disabled adults and children. The Dymonts have participated both as business advertisers and even showcasing their personal residence, and we appreciate all of their support."

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The blood drive will be on an appointment basis and you can schedule a time by contacting Century 21 Spindler & O'Neil at 978-664-2100 or Century 21 Starwood at 978-657-8444. For more details on donating blood with certain medical conditions, you can visit www.massgeneral.org/blooddonor.

Burbank YMCA Winter 2010 session registration

READING - Registration for the Burbank YMCA Winter 2010 session is open. Be healthy and be happy in 2010 with great programs for the entire family.

This winter the Burbank YMCA will offer a variety of new programs in the New Year for all ages. Magic Class for children and teens 8- to 14-years old will give children an opportunity to learn tricks and illusions using simple props like cards and newspaper. Kid Photography will also run this winter for children ages 4- and 5-years old and Youth Recess will be offered incorporating fitness and childhood games like four square and duck, duck, goose.

For adults great new programs will be offered to help kick off those New Year's resolutions. Y-Cy or Y Cycle/Yoga is a one-hour holistic cardio workout that will burn calories and relieve stress. Y Pump for Men is a result driven all-barbell class that will challenge all major muscle groups.

In 2010 the Burbank YMCA will also continue its partnership with the Boston Celtics. The very popular Junior

Celtics Program will be offered at variety of class times for youth's ages 4- to 11-years old. Junior Celtics emphasizes sportsmanship, youth wellness and teamwork while developing basketball skills in a non-competitive environment.

The Winter 2010 Session runs from Sunday, January 3 to Saturday, February 27. For more information about the great new programs the Burbank YMCA is offering in the Winter 2010 Session or if you would like to receive the Winter brochure, please call 781-944-9622 or visit www.ymcaboston.org/burbank and download a brochure.

The Burbank YMCA is dedicated to improving the health of mind, spirit and body of individuals and families in Reading, North Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, and Stoneham. Men and women, boys and girls of all incomes, faiths and cultures are welcome. The Burbank YMCA is the place to come this winter for fun and exciting programs. No family is ever turned away due to inability to pay.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy A. Butler

Worked at Rocco's; passionate volunteer with many organizations and Town of Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Dorothy A. Butler, age 79, of Wilmington formerly of Charlestown, passed away Christmas morning with her family by her side at the Wingate of Andover Nursing Facility, following a lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of the late James Butler. Born and raised in Charlestown she was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Cushing) Hurley.

Mrs. Butler worked for many years as a waitress at Rocco's Restaurant in Wilmington where she made many friends and formed many wonderful relationships. She was also a board member with the Wilmington Housing Authority and served as Tenant Commissioner for nearly twenty years. She was a true advocate for people in need. She loved to volunteer her time helping with the Wilmington Food Pantry and the Share Program. She was also very active at the Wilmington Senior Center and was a member of the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge. Mostly devoted to her loving family, Dorothy also enjoyed dancing and shopping in her leisure time.

In addition to her late husband and parents, Dorothy is predeceased by her brother, the late Charles Hurley. She is survived by her loving sons, Robert Welch and his wife Monica of Derry, NH, James



Butler and his wife Carol of Henderson, NV. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Ashley, Robert and Stephen Welch, MacKenzie and Austin Butler.

Funeral services were held from the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington, on Wednesday, December 30th, at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours were held at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, Tuesday from 3 thru 7. Services concluded with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Dorothy's memory to the charity of your choice.

Joseph J. Gaffney, Sr.

Truck driver; worked for Raffi & Swanson; enjoyed his 1966 Buick Electra convertible

TEWKSBURY - Mr. Joseph J. Gaffney, Sr., age 78, a long-time resident of Tewksbury, formerly of Wilmington and Stoneham, died peacefully at home on Monday, December 28, 2009, with his family at his side. Joe was born in Woburn, MA, on April 29, 1931, he was the dear son of the late Christopher and Gertrude (Holman) Gaffney.

Joe grew up in Reading, MA, and was a graduate of Reading High School. Upon graduating High School, Joe enlisted in the United States Army on September 1, 1949, and served during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged on December 18, 1952, Joe returned to Reading. He married Shirley A. Temple on June 6, 1954 and the couple settled in Wilmington for a few years, they later moved to Stoneham where they resided for over 25 years and raised their three children. Joe and Shirley moved to Tewksbury in the late 1970's.

Joe was employed as a truck driver for beverage company and after that he worked at a meat plant. He also worked for Raffi & Swanson Company in Wilmington for many years until his retirement.

In his spare time Joe enjoyed dancing, his scratch tickets, driving around in his 1966 Buick Electra convertible, following the Red Sox, gardening, spending time with his fam-



ily, watching his grandchildren grow up, and traveling to Florida to visit family.

Joe was the beloved husband of Shirley A. (Temple) Gaffney, devoted father of Joseph J. Gaffney, Jr. of Methuen, Debra Andrews & her husband Richard of Palm Bay, FL, and David Gaffney of Tewksbury, loving grandfather of Richard Andrews, Jr., Kevin Andrews, Alyssa Gaffney, April Gaffney, Melissa Gaffney, Miranda Gaffney, and great-grandson Cristiano Andrews, dear brother of Michael Gaffney & his wife Isabel of Chicago, IL, Mary Kennedy of Hudson, NH, and the late John Gaffney, Paul Gaffney, Ann Cote, and Louise Ouelette, Joe is also survived by several brothers and sister-in-law and many nieces & nephews.

Visiting hours will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, January 2nd from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Joe's name may be made to the Sophia Gordon Cancer Center at Lahey Clinic, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805.

John C. Pitman

Worked 22 years for Aotco Metal Finishing Co; WWII and Korean War veteran

WILMINGTON: John C. Pitman, age 82, a resident of Wilmington for 58 years, formerly of Tewksbury, passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2009, at home with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Mary L. (Bemis) Pitman, with whom he celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on March 25, 2009.

Born in Harrisburg, PA on May 26, 1927, he was the son of the late George and Mary P. (McDevitt) Pitman.

John was raised in Somerville and Tewksbury. He attended Tewksbury schools, graduated from Tewksbury High School and later attended the University of New Hampshire, where he received his B.S. Degree in Business Management.

Mr. Pitman served during World War II and the Korean War in the U.S. Navy. He was awarded several decorations for his military service including the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal (Asia), the China Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and two National Defense Service Medals.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a customer service representative by the Aotco Metal Finishing Company of Billerica, where he worked for 22 years.

Mr. Pitman was a communicant of St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington.

He was a member of the Wilmington Knights of Columbus and the Wilmington American Legion.

Mr. Pitman enjoyed many activities including swimming, watching professional



sports and was an avid New England Patriots fan.

He was a devoted husband and father and loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Mary, John is survived by his children, John C. Pitman, Jr. and his wife Tammie (Brazee) of Wilmington and Diane L. Patrick and her husband Kenneth of Tewksbury; four grandchildren, Melissa Engelken, Denise Centazzo, Brad Patrick and Danielle Pitman; four great grandchildren, Sarah and Joshua Engelken, Arianna and Gianna Centazzo.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, Dec. 30th, from 4-8 p.m., at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury. His funeral was held Thursday, December 31st, at 11 a.m. from the funeral home, followed by his Funeral Mass at 12 Noon at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St., Rte. 38, Wilmington. Interment followed at Tewksbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Beacon Hospice, 350 Main St., Haverhill, MA 01830.

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Leo Hamel joins Citizens Bank

BOSTON - Leo Hamel of Wilmington has joined Citizens Bank as a Mortgage Loan Officer. His office is located in Woburn.

Hamel has been in the mortgage business for seven years. He came to Citizens Bank from Bank of America, where he was a loan officer.

He served in the 101st Engineer Battalion of the U.S. Army.

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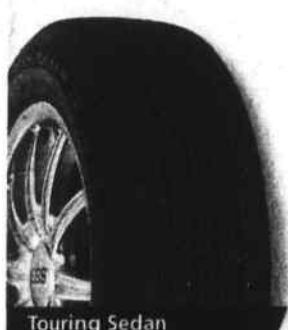
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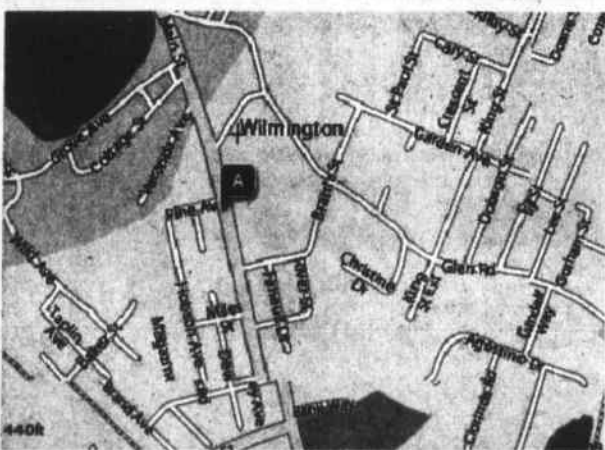


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Tewksbury Police Log

Monday,
Dec. 21

4:46 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 85 Main Street.

4:50 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1469 Andover Street.

7:34 p.m. A caller reported larceny occurred at a 91 New Jersey Road business.

Tuesday, December 22

10:44 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 875 East Street.

12:55 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 365 Main Street.

6:28 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 11 Old Boston Road.

Daniel Connelly, 22, of 14 Hamerick Road, Peabody, was arrested at 365 East Street on the basis of four warrants.

Jay Pearson, 32, of 21 Jessica Drive, Nashua, NH, was arrested at 85 Main Street and charged with possession of a Class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Gilberto Torres, 36, of 21 Boylston Street 1, Methuen, was arrested at 85 Main Street and charged with distributing a Class B drug, subsequent offense and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Wednesday, December 23

11:15 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 10 Main Street.

12:42 p.m. Police recovered a stolen motor vehicle at 4 Highwood Drive.

1:17 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1965 Main Street.

3:31 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at

the intersection of Whipple Road and Pleasant Street.

Joseph Bourget, 48, of 60 School Street, Chelmsford, was arrested in the vicinity of 85 Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 2nd offense, operating a motor vehicle with license revoked as habitual traffic offender (HTO) and a marked lanes violation.

Nicole Johnson, 34, of 117 Mill Road, Chelmsford, was arrested at 95 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Thursday, December 24

12:25 a.m. After a motor vehicle backed into a police cruiser at 986 Main Street, police arrested Samuel Stanley, 18, of 151 Poland Avenue, Tewksbury, and charged him with reckless operation of a motor vehicle, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

1:52 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident involving a postal truck occurred in the vicinity of 936 North Street.

2:33 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 150 Main Street.

Derek Burns, 30, of 912 Old Shawshen Street, Tewksbury, was arrested at 4 Memorial Drive on the basis of a warrant.

Friday, December 25

8:30 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2 Main Street.

6:37 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 345 Shawshen Street.

10:17 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 10 Main Street.

Saturday, December 26

12:33 a.m. Police responded to the intersection of Main Street and South Street for a report of assault and battery.

4:21 p.m. A motor vehicle stop for defective equipment at the intersection of Main Street and Route 495 South resulted in the arrest of Joy Robinson, 44, of 113 Aiken Avenue, Lowell on the basis of a warrant, and Javier Diaz, 39, of 69 5th Street, Lowell on the basis of two warrants and also charged with operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of a driver's license, and a number plate violation.

7:53 p.m. A motor vehicle stop for defective equipment at 333 Main Street resulted in the arrest of Rory Cockerline, 54, of 450 Main Street, Tewksbury on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failing to stop/yield, and Joanne Suprenant, 50, of 450 Main Street, Tewksbury, on the basis of a warrant.

Robert D. Wilson, 27, of 18 Savoy Avenue, Dracut, was arrested at 279 Trull Road and charged with receiving stolen property valued more than \$250.

Sunday, December 27

2:29 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Shawshen and Main Streets.

4:32 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 986 Main Street.

12:52 p.m. A larceny was reported to have occurred at 101 Squire Lane.

1:54 p.m. Police responded to 333 Main Street to assist Loss Prevention with 7 people shoplifting.

4:11 p.m. Police responded for a reported shoplifting at 333 Main Street.

4:33 p.m. Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Fox Run Drive.

6:18 p.m. Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Andover Street.



Troop 63124 took a field trip to the Reading Co-Operative Bank. The Bank Manager, Mr. Richie Selig and Teller, Ms. Paula Santurpio greeted the girls and took them on a tour of the branch at TradeCenter in Woburn.

The girls learned about the operations of a bank. They got to tour the vault area and went behind the teller area. The girls learned some bank jargon and got to see the other side of an ATM machine.

The Troop donated several items to the food pantry and also donated money to purchase a bed for Mission of Deeds.

Troop Leaders, Alba Frasco and Eileen Marsan would like to thank Reading Co-Operative Bank for giving the tour and for the wonderful gift bags that were given to each girl. The bags were filled with some fun things not to mention a book on how to save money and a big pink piggy bank!

Photo from left to right: front row: Brooke Ward, Mia Vestal, Emma Vochan, Madison Beatty and Emily Strong, back row: Paula Santurpio and Richie Selig

Repeat drunk driver strikes again Billerica woman involved in Wilmington collision

By JAYNE W. MILLER
WILMINGTON - A 47-year-old woman with three previous charges for driving while intoxicated allegedly caused an accident Saturday night in Wilmington.

Judith Quinton, of Billerica, was arrested following a collision with another car near the intersection of Ballardvale Street and Andover Street, just before 9:30 p.m. No one was injured in the crash and no one else was arrested at the scene. The driver of the other car remains unnamed.

According to police, this is Quinton's fourth charge of drunk driving. She had a single prior conviction in 2002 according to Jessica Venezia, spokesperson for the Middlesex District Attorney. She was arraigned in Woburn District Court Monday morning, and ordered held on \$300 cash bail. Conditions for her release include committing no new crimes, no weapons, no consumption of alcohol or drugs, subject to random screening, and must wear a monitoring bracelet. She will

appear next in court on January 9 for a pre-trial conference.

For a second offense, Quinton faces tougher penalties include 60 days to 2 1/2 years jail time, fines from \$600 to \$10,000, two to three-year suspended license, and potentially an ignition interlock device once the license is restored. Alternatively, Quinton might see two years probation and a two-week inpatient alcohol treatment program.

Check out the Wilmington Recreation Department's Winter Newsletter

It's that time again! The Recreation Department's winter newsletter is hot off the presses! Check out our complete listing of upcoming programs, tickets and trips. The newsletter is available at the Wilmington Memorial

Library, the Buzzell Senior Center and in the Recreation Department in Town Hall, Room 8. If you prefer to read it online, go to www.town.wilmington.ma.us. Once there, click on Human Services, and then

Recreation. When you scroll down this page, you will see prompts for our newsletter and various registration forms.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Keeping up appearances

Keeping House Series

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The Hidden Power in Power Tools: Personal and Practical Lessons from a Professional Handywoman

Monday, January 11, 7 p.m.
Marie Leonard, owner of Marie's Home Improvement, will share personal and practical lessons from a professional handywoman and "do-it-yourselfer." Learn how to use a caulking gun, fix a toilet's phantom flush, and other tips in this entertaining and educational presentation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Window Treatment Options

Thurs, January 21, 7 p.m.
Jackie Davis, interior decorator and owner of Roomscape Interiors, will help you decide the best option for your window treatments. She will discuss how to measure windows, hard versus soft treatments, and off the shelf versus custom made. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

How to Live a Green Lifestyle

Tuesday, January 26, 7 p.m.
Dan Ruben, Executive Director of Boston Green Tourism, will share actions for consumers to lead greener lives including options for greener transportation, households, and the reduction of energy and water consumption. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Children's Programs

Register for programs online at www.wilmlibrary.org "Calendar of Events" or by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098.

Preschool Sing-Along with Joanie Walsh

Monday, January 11, 10 a.m.
Registration begins Thursday, December 31
Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to join Joanie Walsh of The Children's Theatre Workshop of Wilmington as she leads the group in singing and moving to the beat of many well-loved songs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Time for Twos

Caregivers and two year-olds attend on Thursdays, January 7, 21 and February 4 at 10:30-11 a.m.

Story Times for Three Year-Olds

Children who are three attend on either Tuesdays (January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9) 9:30-10 a.m. or Fridays (January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12) 9:30-10 a.m.

Story Times for Four and Five Year-Olds

Four year-olds and five year-olds (not yet attending kindergarten) attend on either Tuesdays (January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9) 10:30-11 a.m. or Fridays (January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12) 10:30-11 a.m. There will be no Story Times when Wilmington Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Star Mag Meeting

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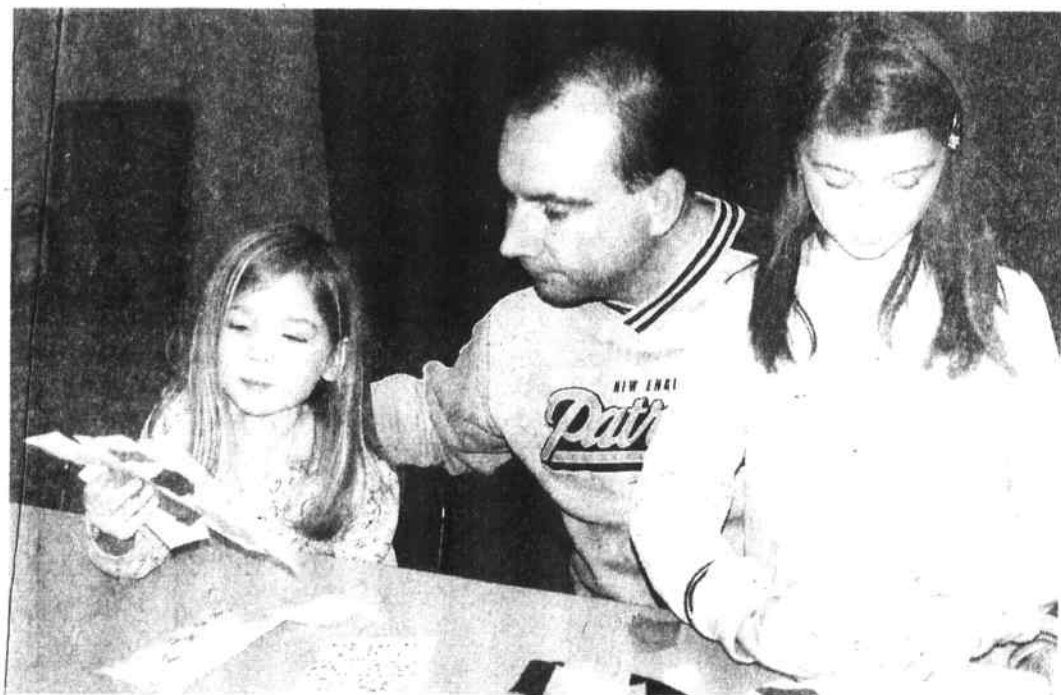
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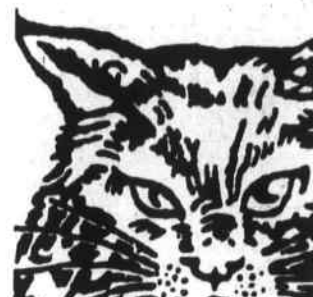
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Sophomore McCarthy ignites hoop team past Burlington

Wildcats take tourney with OT win

By RICK COOKE
Sports Correspondent

Joe Maiella and his team had a couple of mentors looking over their shoulders. One just had a little better seat. With former coach Jim McCune perched in the bleachers behind his old team, the Wildcats used defense to trigger offense and got a big buzzer-beating shot from tournament MVP Tim McCarthy (five treys, 24 points, All-Tourney Team) that forced overtime and helped topple defending champ Burlington, 74-65, in the finale of the annual K of C/Larry McGrath tournament played at a packed Cushing Gymnasium Tuesday night.

Wilmington fought through some stretches of poor shooting and turnover-plagued offense to claim the tourney title for the first time in three years. The Wildcats advanced to the title tilt with a 52-38 victory over Shawsheen Tech Monday night.

The Wildcats trailed at every quarter stop Tuesday night — 14-11, 33-30 and 48-44 before a late fourth quarter run sparked by the defense closed the deal. Burlington sharp-shooter Zach Hurynowicz, saddled with foul trouble throughout the game, headed to the bench for good with 2:56 left to play after firing an ill-advised elbow into the face of some in-your-shirt Wildcat defense.

It was that defense, along with the play of talented players including senior captain Michael Murphy, and underclassmen Vin Scifo (20 points against Shawsheen), Kyle Albanese and Nick Godzyk that had Wilmington coach Maiella looking at his team's Cape Ann League schedule with some unbridled optimism.

It was the defense preached by his mentor McCune and his former junior varsity coach-the late Larry McGrath-that had Maiella soaring after the victory. It says somewhere in the basketball handbook that even when you don't shoot well, you can still play good, hard-working defense. The Wildcats did all of that and more in a fourth quarter comeback that forced the overtime dominated by the host team. Maiella knew going in that his team would have to focus on Hurynowicz, the tourney's MVP a year ago who was coming off a 44 point performance against Reading High School.

"We completely focused on

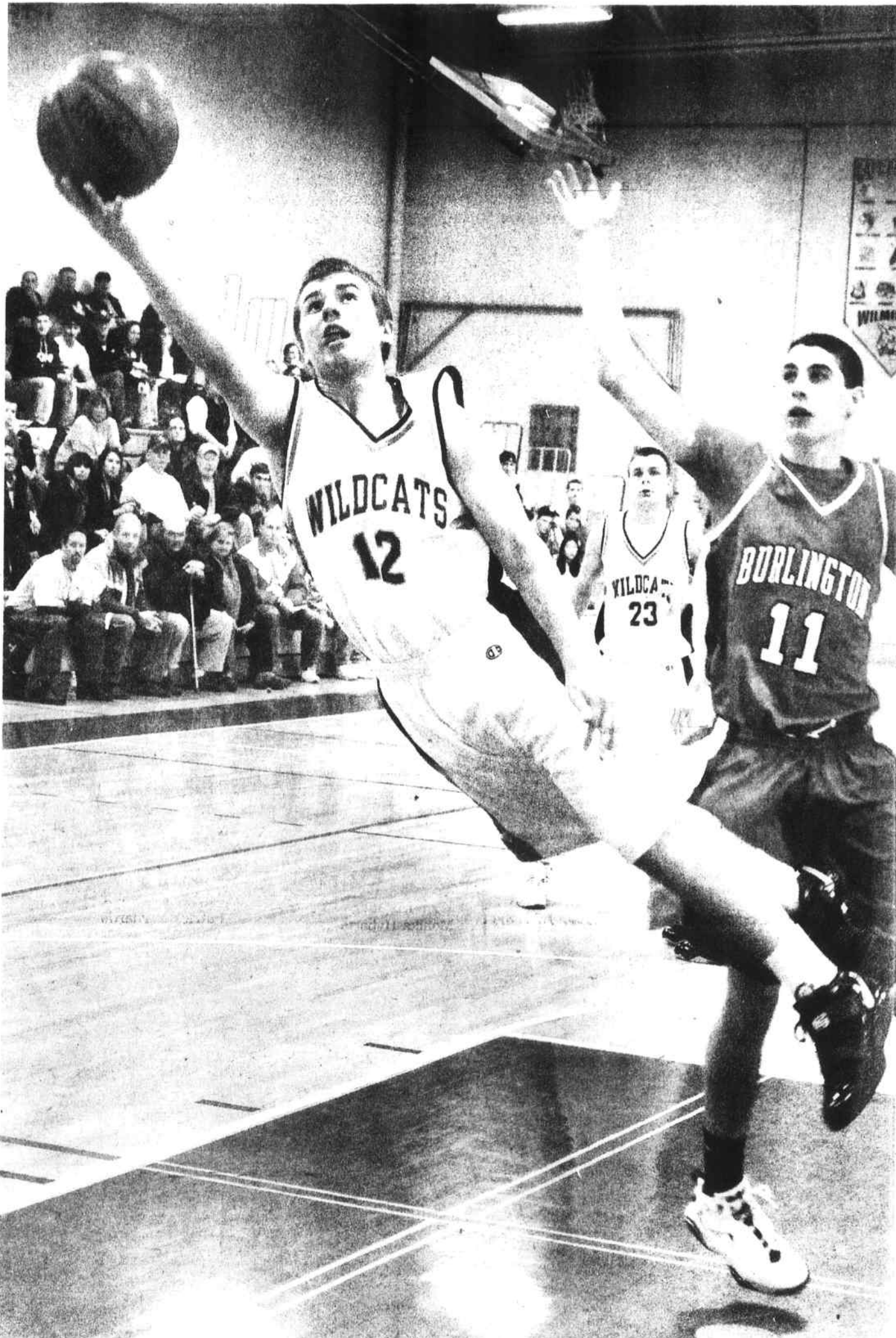
him tonight. We wanted to limit their three point shots," said Maiella after emerging from the jubilant Wilmington locker-room. "We knew that they liked to take the three's, so I told the guys before the game that they would have to contest their three-point shots. We did a good job of defending the three tonight. We wanted to go after Hurynowicz on defense. We got him in foul trouble and out of the game. Obviously, that worked to our advantage. He's an unbelievable player."

Hurynowicz (All-Tourney Team) did finish with 20 points, but the scrambling Wilmington defense with a small lineup led by Godzyk at center, staged the comeback that forced the overtime. Early indications of the big comeback began when Scifo (14 points) came up with a steal and a bucket to cut the BHS lead to 53-48 with 5:28 left to play. Murphy then slapped the ball away from Hurynowicz on a breakaway lay-up that resulted in free throws, but further frustrated Burlington's star player.

Burlington led 59-50 with just over three minutes left in the game, but the star departed and the Wildcats kept running at BHS shooters, forcing enough rushed shots to send the visitors staggering to the finish line.

Godzyk was the inside trigger-man late in the game, weaving his way under the basket for a big offensive rebound put-back bucket and a driving scoop shot that cut the Burlington lead to 60-58 with 1:22 left to play. Wilmington's outside shooting shook off a game-long slump when Murphy (12 points, All Tourney Team) sank a three-point shot to give the home team a 61-60 lead with less than a minute left. Free throws then sent the visitors into the lead, 63-61. The Wildcats set up a play with ten seconds left and McCarthy raced to just a foot inside the three-point line and sank his shot at the buzzer for the 63-63 tie at the end of regulation.

It was all Wildcats in the overtime, with Chris Frissore grabbing an offensive rebound for a score and Godzyk (10 points) driving the lane for a three-point play and a 68-63 lead with 1:23 left. McCarthy, Frissore and Murphy made big free throws down the stretch to ice the championship for the Wildcats. The defense never wilted, and the offense finally caught up. This combination



Wilmington High junior Nick Godzyk gets upended as he flies through the air heading to the net during Tuesday night's overtime win over Burlington in the annual K of C/McGrath Christmas Tournament held at WHS. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

seemed to fire up the coach and fuel the confidence of a young team still finding its way and searching for a basketball identity.

"This is an unbelievable win for us," said Maiella.

"Number one-we beat a quality program from the Middlesex League and number two-this win will help us get to the ten wins and qualify for the tournament. We've

got a tough stretch ahead of us. We go to play North Andover, one of the favorites in our league and one of the best teams in the division. I already told the guys that we've got to shutdown their three-ball, just like we did against Burlington tonight."

Wilmington was coming off some games where the young players were seeing certain basketball situations for the very first time. A win with several big moments and a bunch of defensive stops had to make Maiella and his staff optimistic about the team's road ahead.

"In the Masco game they went up by nine points and we panicked," offered Maiella. "I told the guys that if we were down six-seven points tonight that it was just a two possession game-just keep working at it. We went small in the fourth quarter. We put our five best basketball players on the court. Our big guys are a work in progress right now, so we decided to play Nick Godzyk at center. He played a hell of a game."

At times in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats had that face-up defensive pressure that was the hallmark of so many Wilmington teams coached by McCune and McGrath. When that defense sent a star opponent to the

bench in frustration and later forced a big turnover on an out-of-bounds play, the home crowd sensed that the comeback was ready to take off.

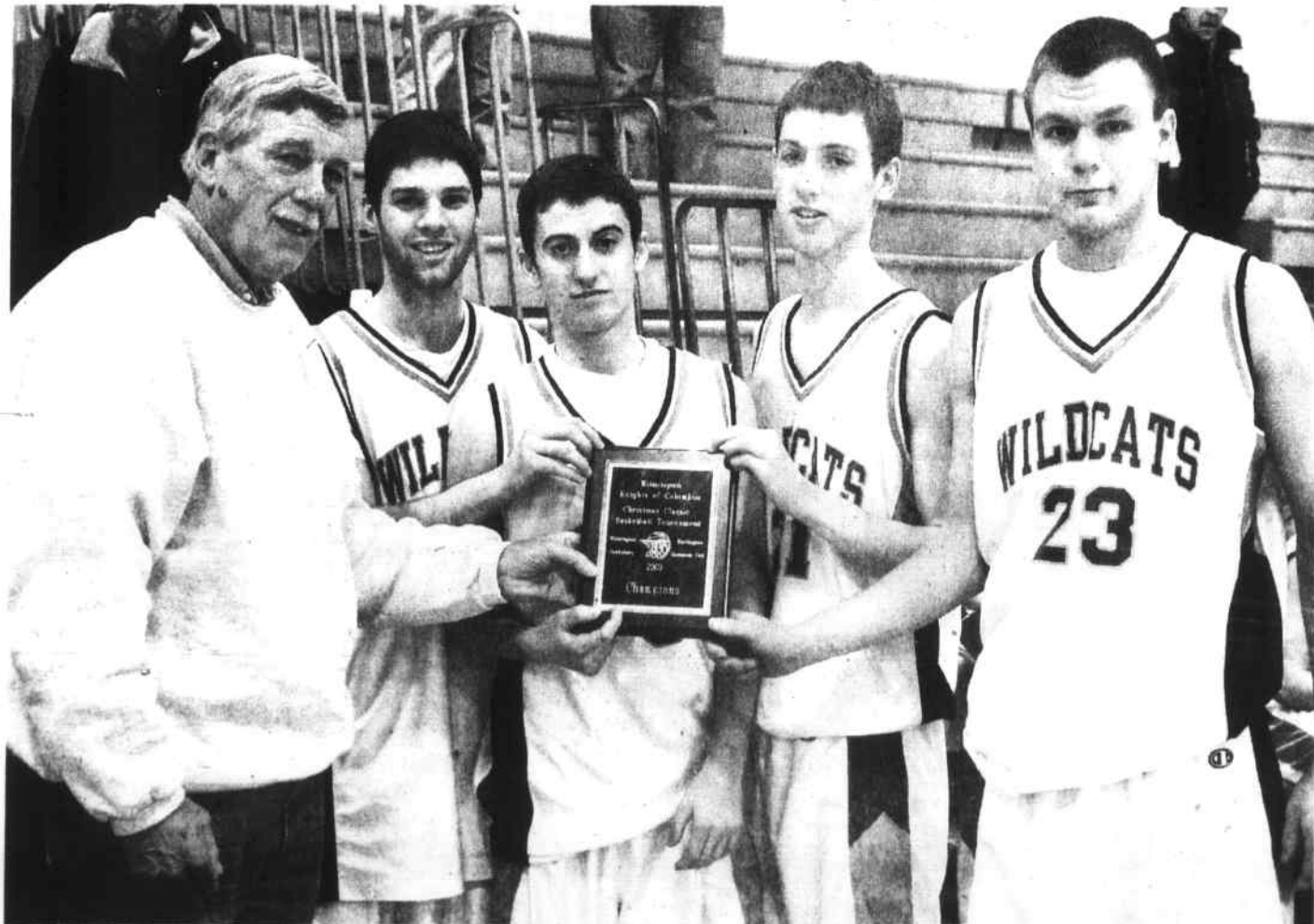
"We were down nine with about four minutes to go. Timmy McCarthy is just a sophomore. He was playing freshman basketball last year. That kid is going to be a player," said Maiella.

And this coach can look forward to more moments like this one from a young, ready, willing and able group on defense. Thankfully, Larry McGrath liked defense and developing young players. And, he had the best seat in the house for a big victory that could really jump-start a season for his Wildcats.

'Cats tame the Tigers

Last Wednesday night, Wilmington topped Ipswich, 75-34, at home. McCarthy led the way with 15 points, followed by Godzyk with 8 and Murphy who finished with 5 points and 11 assists.

Wilmington is off until Sunday's away tilt at North Andover for a 4:00 pm start, before staying on the road on Tuesday to face North Reading. The Wildcats return home on Friday, January 8th against Triton.



The Wildcats Boys Basketball team captured the K of C/McGrath Christmas Tournament on Tuesday night for the first time in three years. The team's seniors, from left, Marty Bamberg, Pat Enwright, Ian Sullivan and Michael Murphy, were awarded a plaque by tournament director Dave Orndorff. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Hackett packs up his racquet

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High boys tennis team will once again be ready for action this coming Spring as they hope to make progress in the very tough Cape Ann League, but they will be without one very key ingredient from years past, as long time head coach Matthew Hackett has stepped down as coach of the Wildcats.

Hackett, who recently became a father for the first time, and is also a social studies teacher and the debate club advisor at Wilmington High, decided to step down in order to spend more time with his family. It was an easy decision in terms of wanting to be with his young family more often, but a tough one when it came to leaving a position he has enjoyed so much over the past eight years.

"The reason for my (resignation) was a family decision," Hackett said. "I really enjoyed my eight years of coaching and hope to have the opportunity to coach again down the road."

Wilmington High School Athletic Director Ed Harrison said Hackett was the ultimate professional and would like to thank him publicly for his eight seasons.

"Matt did a respectable job as varsity tennis coach," said Harrison. "He was dedicated, dependable and and very knowledgeable. His teams always played hard and were respected by our competition. Matt will be missed."

While Hackett also very much enjoys his role in the classroom, being a coach has also afforded him the opportunity to get to know his students on a different level. It is an opportunity he is grateful for.

"One of the most enjoyable parts of coaching is getting to know kids outside the class-

room," Hackett said. "I have had the privilege of working with some great kids over the past eight years and will miss that part of coaching the most."

The 1998 graduate of Wilmington High, who starred on the tennis courts for the Wildcats before moving on to an impressive career at Merrimack College, has dealt with hundreds of athletes and coached in too many matches to count over the years, and he will take many great memories away with him as he says goodbye to his team.

"To be honest, there is not one specific memory that stands out," Hackett said. "Each team had its own unique personalities, challenges, and accomplishments."

As much as Hackett enjoyed his time coaching the Wildcats, victories were sometimes hard to come by against the very often brutal competition in the Cape Ann League. In 2011 the Wildcats sports programs will move to the Middlesex League, which some feel will give the Wildcats tennis team more of an opportunity to pick up victories.

While Hackett is not so sure about that, he is looking forward to seeing his former team face the new challenge.

"The Middlesex League will give all of our sports some great challenges," Hackett said. "I am not familiar with the quality of each tennis team, but it will be fun to see how it plays out."

It is unknown at this time who will take over for Hackett, but one thing is for sure, whoever it is will have Hackett's full support and Hackett knows he is turning over a team that any coach would be proud to lead.

"Whoever takes over this team can look forward to a group that listens well, practices hard, and has much

room for growth," Hackett said. "Most of last year's team will return this year which is always a positive."

Harrison was asked about Hackett's replacement and he said the job had been posted and he is currently going

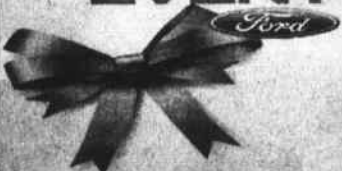
through the list of applicants, but has no timetable to name the successor.

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.



After eight seasons as the WHS Boys Tennis Coach, Matt Hackett resigned recently after the birth of his first child. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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TMHS Sports Round-Up

Gymnastics team opens season

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Tewksbury Memorial High School Girls' Gymnastics team opened the season on Tuesday falling to Dracut, 122-106.7. Leading the way for the team was freshman newcomer Sarah Small, and senior captain Kayla Hurley, who had all-around scores of 29.2 and 28.9, respectively. Small finished with an 8.1 on the vault, a 7.5 on the floor exercise, a 7.4 on the balance beam and an 6.2 on the bars. Hurley finished with scores of 7.8 on the vault, 7.5 on the floor, 6.8 on both the beam and the bars.

Also competing on the vault included sophomore Maria Ranaldi (7.2), Ali Lapore (6.8) and Amy D'Entremont (6.8); on the floor exercise includes Tara MacMullin (7.2), Nora Chan (6.7), Ashley Pozzuto (6.4) and Chan (5.7); on the balance beam included MacMullin (6.8), Chan (5.1), D'Entremont (5.1) and Jenna Joseph (4.8); and finally on the balance bars included Ranaldi (4.5), Megan Chan (4.3), Nora Chan (4.2) and MacMullin (4.0).

The rest of the team includes freshmen Mackenzie Carr, Carolyn Raneri, Nicalla Samson, Kendall McMahan and Corie Foley.

The team will be back in action on January 4th in a tri-

meet against Lowell Catholic and Malden, two non league opponents.

Boys Hockey

The Redmen Boys Hockey team are off to a flying 4-0 start. After defeating Methuen and Boston Latin during the first week of the season, the team took both games thus far in the Maine Tournament, defeating Kennebunk, 8-0, and then Dheverus, 7-1.

"We are 4-0 and we are starting to pick things up a bit, but the first game (against Kennebunk) we didn't face strong competition at all, so right now it's kind of hard to predict how well we will do until we face better teams," said head coach Derek Doherty. "But what we are doing is moving the puck really well and beating guys to the puck. We are a quick team."

In the win over Kennebunk, Dan Rose and David Conley led the way with three points each. Rose had two goals and an assists and Conley dished out three assists. Brad Tosto had two goals, while, Cody Legro and Mike Casey had one goal and one assist each, while, George Lehner and Sean Taylor had two assists each. PJ Mugford and Jeremy Gleatin rounded out the final goals, while, Derek Petti, Ryan Doherty, Shannon Aulokonis and Nick Rose had

one assist each.

The team's three goaltenders, James Berkeley, Kerri Stuart and Niko Cunha combined to make four saves and the shut out.

On Tuesday, Tewksbury knocked off Dheverus, 7-1. Tosto led the way with a hat trick, while Lehner finished with two goals and an assist. Both Nick Rose and Petti had a goal and an assist each, while, Legro, Doherty, Sean MacLeod, Evan Cutelis and Conley each had one helper.

Berkeley and Stuart split the goaltending duties and made a combined 13 saves.

Tewksbury will host Haverhill on Saturday night at 8:00 pm at the SuperSkills Arena.

Girls Hoop

The Tewksbury High Girls Basketball team finished 1-1 in the Billerica tournament held on Sunday and Tuesday of this past week. The Redmen were defeated by the host team, 64-51, behind 33 points by Danielle DePierro and six each by Karie Judge and Nicole Chaet. Then on Tuesday, Tewksbury defeated the Fenway School out of Boston, 53-44 to even the team's record to 2-2. In that win, DePierro continued her hot start burying 23 points, while, Judge finished with ten and Ali Frazier had eight.

"We got a nice balanced attack tonight which is some-

thing we really need," said head coach Mark Bradley.

Tewksbury has a busy week upcoming facing Central Catholic at home on Thursday for a 4:00 pm tilt, before going on the road to face Concord-Carlisle for a non-league game on Sunday, and then coming back home Tuesday night to face a very good Methuen team.

Girls Track

On Monday afternoon, several members of the TMHS Girls Indoor Track Team participated at the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association's Holiday Invitational held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. Tewksbury had terrific results including junior Leanne Tucker winning the 800 meter run coming in at 2:17.64, which broke a meet record previously held by Courtney Baldwin of Lowell, who ran a 2:18.92 time a year ago. Besides Tucker, senior Stephanie Walker was second in the 55-meter hurdles coming in at 8.84 seconds, while, Ashley Toland was fourth in the 400 at 1:02.34.

Rounding out the place finishers include Laura Patriarca (7th, 12:14.89) and Emily Parker (9th, 12:24.87) in the two mile, and Kyla Higgins, who was seventh in the shot put tossing 31-10.50.



The Arlington Catholic Girls hockey season has begun and two key members are Tewksbury residents, including assistant captain Allison Noyes (right) who is the Cougars leading returning goal scorer and Jamie Ricciardi, left, who will help anchor the team's defense.

For Allison this is the beginning of her fourth season on the Cougars with her career highlight being the Division 1 State Championship in 2007. Jamie is entering her second season as a member of the Cougars. (courtesy photo).

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The classes will begin on Saturdays January 16, 23 and 30 and February 6, 13, 20 of 2010. The clinics will be held at the Tewksbury Little League Building in

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By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael Mazzocco to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated July 23, 2002 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 13348, Page 63, of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon, fka The Bank of New York as Successor in interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank NA as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-SD2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-SD2 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on January 20, 2010, on the mortgaged premises located at 252 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Wilmington, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Property owned by Harold F. Cail, Wilmington, Mass.," dated November 6, 1948, by A.N. Eames, Surveyor, and recorded with the Middlesex North District Deeds, Book 85, Page 43, and bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly: by Middlesex Avenue, one hundred eight (108) feet;

Southwesterly: by land of owners unknown, two hundred (200) feet

Northwesterly: by land now or formerly of Babine, one hundred eight (108) feet;

Northeasterly: by said Babine land, two hundred (200) feet.

Containing 21,604 square feet of land, more or less, or however otherwise said premises may be bounded, measured or described.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22046, Page 247.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-SD2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SD2

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys
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Newton, MA 02458
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Case No.
09 MISC 410881

To: Walter S. Alukonis
Linda J. Coyman
a/k/a

Linda J. Alukonis

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. EverHome Mortgage Company fka Alliance Mortgage Company claiming to be the holder of Mortgage covering real property in

Tewksbury, numbered Unit No. 45 in the Villa Roma Condominium, 45 Villa Roma Drive

given by Walter S. Alukonis and Linda J. Coyman a/k/a Linda J. Alukonis to Merrimack Mortgage Company, Inc., dated October 23, 1987, recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4290, Page 140 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 25th day of January 2010 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER Chief Justice of said Court this 8th day of December 2009

Attest:
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Recorder
(AMC 09-054252 / Alukonis)(12/30/09)(18243)
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lori B. Volpe to First Horizon Home Loan Corporation, dated December 16, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16660, Page 109 of which mortgage EverHome Mortgage Company, is the present holder by assignment recorded in said deeds in Book 23304, Page 282, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the mortgaged premises located at 10 Silver Lake Avenue, Wilmington, MA will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on January 21, 2010, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being Lots 32 and 33 on Plan of House Lots in Wilmington, belonging to Rich Carter Heirs, James A. Bancroft, Surveyor, August 11, 1887, recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 4C, Plan 132, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southerly corner of the granted premises on the Easterly side of Silver Lake Avenue; thence the boundary line runs Northwesterly by Silver Lake Avenue, one hundred (100) feet, as shown on said plan; thence turning and running Northwesterly by Lot 31, as shown on said plan, eighty-six and 5/10 (86.5) feet; thence turning and running Southwesterly by Lots 23 and 22, as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; thence turning and running Southwesterly by Lot 34, as shown on said plan, seventy-nine and 9/10 (79.9) feet to Silver Lake Avenue at the point of beginning. Containing, according to said Plan 8,321 square feet of land.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16660, Page 107.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100, or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

EverHome Mortgage Company

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Food Pantry serves Woburn and Winchester Council of Social Concern's needs do not end with the holidays

By GORDON VINCENT



FOOD PANTRY'S HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION - The Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry served 17 people in 1984; this past October it served over 320 families. Although the holidays are over the food pantry still needs food donations to help local families. Shown above are some of the food baskets at the American Legion in Woburn on distribution morning and above right volunteers unload a donor's truck.

The warmth and glow of the Yule log or the menorah candles may have faded, but the Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry's demands don't end with the holidays.

Because of the downturn in the economy, the CSC's Food Pantry's resources have been stretched to and beyond their limits during the past year. While the good folks who work at the Food Pantry - which serves Woburn and Winchester - are appreciative of the donations throughout the holidays, theirs is a 365-days-a-year effort that doesn't end in December.

"We appreciate everything that people do for us during the holiday season," said Karen Colatrella, Director of the Food Pantry. "But after New Year's, we still need to rely on the community to keep the program running. By February, it gets to be a real challenge."

Based in North Woburn, the Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry started in 1984 and served 17 families a month. In 2008, the Food Pantry served 220 families a month, and in October this year that number jumped to 320 families a month.

"We've had a big increase," said Colatrella, who has been directing the Food Pantry for the past four years. "Obviously, the economy has affected a lot of people. And we've been seeing a lot of new people - new faces who have never used the Food Pantry before and even some who in the past have donated to the Food Pantry and now are turning to us for help."

"It seems like there are a lot more people who have gone through their savings and need someone to turn to," she added.

The only requirement to receive assistance from the Food Pantry is a certified address - a phone bill, a tax bill or a driver's license, for example - indicating a person is from Winchester or Woburn. Recipients run "the whole gamut" from single adults to families who are in need of food, according to Colatrella.

"Historically, we don't require any sort of declaration of economic hardship for eligibility," said Colatrella.

All food pantry items are distributed with the utmost confidentiality. Recipients can be assured their names or identities will not be divulged to sources outside the organization.

The Council of Social Concern has also recently expanded its traditional Thanksgiving Food Basket Project to incorporate Christmas. Last week was one of the busiest at the Food Pantry as volunteers distributed special food baskets for the holidays.

"There was a need," said Colatrella, of the expanded service to include Christmas.

Numbers for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket

drives have not yet been confirmed, but Colatrella noted: "This Thanksgiving, we had more requests (for food baskets) than we've ever had before."

The distribution of holiday food baskets has become something of a community event. Colatrella notes that the Food Pantry has to rely on the graciousness of volunteers and local organizations to distribute the food baskets. A full function hall is needed to handle all the food.

"Most of our donations come from the community," she said. "Between Woburn and Winchester, every school, church, all the service clubs and every type of business is involved."

Colatrella added she is

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"Sherlock Holmes" action-packed and entertaining



"SHERLOCK HOLMES" stars Robert Downey as the eccentric, but brilliant Holmes. Jude Law is his assistant and Rachel McAdams plays Holmes' old love interest who returns to ask a favor. It is an entertaining, action-packed film. And a caper worth spending some time seeing.

"SHERLOCK HOLMES"
GRADE: ***

A Sherlock Holmes whose fists are just as quick and nimble as his intellect? The game's afoot, as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legendary sleuth gets a cinematic shot in the arm in this entertaining and action-packed mystery. British director Guy Ritchie revitalizes the Holmes character, and his sidekick Dr. Watson, for a new generation of filmgoers.

Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) is the top private investigator in turn-of-the-century England. The eccentric but brilliant Holmes works alongside his colleague Dr. John Watson (Jude Law) to solve unsolvable crimes, such as his latest mystery: Convicted killer Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong) appears to have cheated death, and his powers have forced the public into a panic.

Blackwood isn't Holmes' only concern. Holmes' old flame Irene Adler (Rachel McAdams) resurfaces with a request to find a missing man. As Holmes fights off his feelings for Adler, he begins to realize the two cases are linked. To top things off, Watson's upcoming marriage may spell the end of his partnership with

Holmes.

Plus, a mysterious professor keeps popping in and out of the shadows.

Downey Jr. is exceptional as Holmes and Law is great as Dr. Watson. The two make a perfect pair, rivaling some of the best big-screen buddies of the past two decades.

This Holmes is an excellent fighter, skills hinted in Doyle's books. Holmes' intellect and knowledge of human anatomy allow him to anticipate punches and quickly neutralize attackers. The on-screen fights keep the film moving at a quick pace.

'Sherlock Holmes' is a caper worth spending some time with this holiday season.

"AVATAR"
GRADE: ***

Director James Cameron's latest, a sci-fi adventure set on another planet, features special effects and 3D motion technology so revolutionary that the film itself seems out of this world.

Avatar is the story of an ex-Marine who finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet filled with exotic life forms. As an Avatar, a human mind in an alien body, he finds himself torn

between two worlds, in a desperate fight for his own survival and that of the indigenous people.

More than ten years in the making, Avatar marks Cameron's first return to feature directing since helming 1997's Titanic, the highest grossing film of all time and winner of eleven Oscars, including Best Picture.

WETA Digital, renowned for its work in The Lord of the Rings Trilogy and King Kong, incorporates new CGI technologies to transform the environments and characters into photorealistic 3D imagery that transports the audience into the alien world rich with imaginative vistas, creatures and characters.

"Avatar" is alive with 3-D eye candy for 162 minutes (it didn't feel that long), as Cameron has invented a new 3-D camera rig and refined the art of performance-capture technology.

What this means for viewers seeing the film in 3-D and in IMAX is that it virtually feels as though you are on the distant moon called Pandora, and that his cast members coated in electrodes can believably inhabit the bodies of 10-foot-tall, bright-blue aliens with feline features.

Eyes will widen from the start at meeting Jake Sully, a Marine among dozens floating out of a six-year cryogenic state upon arriving at Pandora. This moon is worth the trip because it contains an energy source that the earthlings cover.

Jake's twin brother, a scientist, was meant for a Pandora research mission. But his death allows Jake (who previously lost the use of his legs), as a DNA virtual match, to inhabit his brother's fully gestated avatar.

These remote-controlled bodies (imagine Jake in a sleep chamber, his avatar on Pandora having adventures) are a visual match for the Na'vi (naw-vee), the moon's indigenous tribe, and it allows Jake to breathe their moon's air safely.

The effects are stunning, so much so that it's easy to forgive the sections of the plot that seem familiar, and portions of dialogue that come across as being clunky.

This is a world you'll want to visit again.

"INVICTUS"
GRADE: ***

Director Clint Eastwood produces another very good, inspirational film with his latest, 'Invictus'.

After directing a slew of provocative movies,

Eastwood, 79, produces an uplifting sports movie set against the backdrop of South African president Nelson Mandela's mid-1990s attempt to unify a split post-apartheid nation through the game of rugby.

In Mandela, played with grace and humility by Morgan Freeman, Eastwood has the type of film character he admires, who has endured unfathomable obstacles, that he can portray in a positive light.

The movie opens with Mandela's 1990 release after having spent 27 years of his life in prison for opposing his nation's oppressive apartheid rule. Eastwood shows the tense state the country is in as a car with Mandela in it drives past two different rugby games.

On one side of the road, a group of black South Africans stops its hard-scrabble game on a dusty field to wildly cheer Mandela. On the other, young, white South African team members, dressed in spotless uniforms and playing on lush green grass, stare as their coach mutters a nasty comment.

The film then whips through Mandela's election and burrows into the meat of the plot: Mandela wins the presidency and decides he can bring black and white South Africa together by encouraging the country's sputtering Springboks team to win the World Cup. Mandela also realizes that victory would improve South Africa's world image.

Mandela summons team captain Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon) for tea, and in a little while the rugby player realizes Mandela's seemingly simplistic vision has the power to heal a nation.

The film is a real crowd pleaser, with an Oscar-worthy performance from Freeman and directed by one of the top film pros in the business today.

"BROTHERS"
GRADE: ***

When a decorated Marine goes missing overseas, his black-sheep younger brother cares for his wife and children at home - with consequences that will shake the foundation of the entire family.

'BROTHERS' tells the powerful story of two siblings, 30-something Captain Sam Cahill (Tobey Maguire) and younger brother Tommy Cahill (Jake Gyllenhaal), who are polar opposites. A Marine about to embark on his fourth tour of duty, Sam is a steadfast family man married to his high school sweetheart, Grace (Natalie Portman), with whom he has two

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Calendar of Events

To submit a Calendar article please E-mail it to MiddlesexEast@comcast.net or mail it to P.O. Box 240 Reading, MA 01867. Allow seven days for article to appear.

FORENSIC ART IS SUBJECT OF TALK

Lieutenant Jerry Scalley and a "Glimpse of Forensic Art" is on tap on Wednesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. at the Reading Art Association, Guild Hall, First Congregational Church of Reading, middle entrance on Sanborn Street.

Lieutenant Scalley, of the detective bureau of the Woburn Police Department, holds a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from UMass Lowell. He has received specialized training in Forensic Art, which is not limited to composite sketches, but includes crime-scene sketching, post-mortem drawings, age progressions, and demonstrative evidence.

His PowerPoint presentation and numerous sketches, as used in the world of criminal investigation will highlight his talk, which promises to be extremely interesting, with touches of his keen sense of humor.

Lt. Scalley has attended specialized training by Stuart Parks Forensic Associates, Karen T. Taylor at Scottsdale Artist School, The Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the FBI training center in Quantico, Virginia. He is presently studying with Kathy Cooper of Westford (President of the American Impressionist Society.) Past instructors also include Craig Stebnik of Somerville and Roberts Howard of Haverhill.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

AARP MEETING ON JANUARY 8

Chapter #1124 will meet on Friday, January 8 at the Milano Senior Center in Melrose. The business meeting starts at 1:30 p.m., followed by program and refreshments.

The center is handicap accessible. Members will be entertained by Greg Curtis with "Songs That Inspire."

Guests are always welcome to attend three meetings before considering membership. Please join in for a great time of education, entertainment and good fellowship.

GET ORGANIZED LUNCHEON JANUARY 12

Get Organized in the New Year! A luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 4 Highwood Drive in Tewksbury, (Rte 93 to Rte 495S, exit 39, Rte 133.) First right at top of hill.

Kelly Santos from Xtra Hands Home Organizing and Merrimack Valley & Southern NH's home organizing expert will share 5 steps to help organize your home. The inspirational speaker is Edward Flagg. His topic will be "Success Did Not Bring Happiness."

Call Jessica at 617-590-0059 to make a reservation by January 6. The cost is \$16.

This luncheon is sponsored by the Christian Women's Connection of Merrimack Valley, Stonecroft Ministries.

PAINTED CURTAIN/ PUBLIC SPACES

Painted Curtain/Public Spaces is featured in the Atelier Gallery at the Stoneham Theatre in Stoneham through January 10. The exhibit runs parallel to the theatre's production of A Christmas Carol.

"The early 1900s painted curtains reflect a humble small town American affirmation of art and culture in places where citizens gather. These spaces are our reclaimed assets," says Roger Freeman, the artist.

Freeman says the photographs are show from a perspective that allows viewers to feel they are in the space.

The Griffin Museum's Atelier Gallery at the Stoneham Theatre is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1 - 6 p.m., and one hour before each theater performance.

The theatre is located at 398 Main Street in Stoneham and is a professional non-profit regional theatre that presents 8 shows a year. www.stonehamtheatre.org

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Chetwynd, Dec. 16 Christmas musical egg with Sophie Chetwynd, Dec. 23 and 30 no workshops.

AUDITIONS FOR PLAY POM-POM ZOMBIES

The North Shore Players Youth Theatre in Danvers will be holding auditions for its spring musical play Pom-Pom Zombies - book and music by Stephen Murray. Auditions will be from 2 - 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, January 2 and 3. Ages 8 - 18.

It will be held at Hogan Regional Auditorium in Danvers. Please come prepared to sing 16 bars of a song a cappella or bring an instrumental CD without vocals. For directions and updated info visit www.northshoreplayers.org.

Performance are March 19, 20 and 21.

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Hundreds attend Northeast Voke School Annual Open House

Despite terrible weather Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School recently held their Annual Open House and many prospective students and their parents attended.

Hundreds of people from the Northeast District which includes: Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester, Winthrop, and Woburn came to the event.

During the Open House interested students had an excellent opportunity to visit the technical shops of Auto Body, Auto Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Design, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Drafting and Design, Electricity, Graphic Arts, Health Care Technology including Child Care, Dental Assisting and Medical Occupations.

Other Vocational programs offered at Northeast include: Office Technology, Metal Fabrication, Plumbing, and

Telecommunications/Electronics.

Northeast Superintendent John X. Crowley stated, "There were guided tours, live demonstrations and displays explaining what Northeast offers its 1256 students." Crowley pointed out, "A Northeast graduate not only receives the traditional high school diploma but also receives a Certificate of Excellence in their Vocational Program."

Northeast Regional has an extensive Academic Program of Studies with many graduates going on to two and four year colleges.

Northeast has a full athletic program and the 2009 Northeast football team won the Division IV-A Super Bowl.

Crowley was pleased to see so many Northeast graduates visiting the Open House with their children. For more information about joining the Class of 2014 please call 781-246-0810.

Movies

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young daughters (Bailee Madison, Taylor Grace Geare).

Tommy, his charismatic younger brother, is a drifter just out of jail who's always gotten by on wit and charm. He slides easily into his role as family provocateur on his first night out of prison, at Sam's farewell dinner with their parents, Elsie (Mare Winningham) and Hank Cahill (Sam Shepard), a retired Marine.

Shipped out to Afghanistan, Sam is presumed dead when his Black Hawk helicopter is shot down in the mountains. At home in suburbia, the Cahill family suddenly faces a shocking void, and Tommy tries to fill in for his brother by assuming newfound responsibility for himself, Grace, and the children.

But Sam is not dead; he and a fellow soldier have been captured by Taliban fighters. In Afghanistan's harsh, remote Pamir Mountains, Sam is subjected to traumas that threaten to rob him of his very humanity. At the same time that Sam's sense of self is being destroyed overseas, Tommy's self-image is strengthening at home. And in the grief and strangeness of their new lives, Grace and Tommy are naturally drawn together. Their long-standing frostiness dissolves, but both are frightened and ashamed of the mutual attraction that has replaced it.

When Sam unexpectedly returns to the States, a nervous mood settles over the family. Sam, uncharacteristically withdrawn and volatile, grows suspicious of his brother and his wife. Their roles now nearly reversed, Sam and Tommy end up facing the ultimate

physical and mental challenge when they confront each other.

The plot centers around how will the brothers come to terms with issues of love, loyalty, and manhood - and with the woman caught between them.

The film belongs to Maguire, and he and director Sheridan orchestrate things perfectly here, walking the fine line of tension through the film that explodes at the end.

"Brothers" is a challenging, disturbing film to watch.

"THE BLIND SIDE"
GRADE: ***

Sandra Bullock has a big hit in this heart-warming true story of black teenager Michael Oher (newcomer Quinton Aaron) and the chance at life given him by Leigh Anne Tuohy (Bullock) by taking him off the street, integrating him into her white, upper-class family, and setting the stage for him to become a first round draft pick of the Baltimore Ravens.

And after all the dire and disappointing movies so far this fall, audiences probably needed "The Blind Side" as well.

This feel-good sports/biographical drama is predictable and by-the-numbers, but plays pretty well nonetheless.

Also, a good and largely fresh-faced cast certainly makes this material better than it would be otherwise.

Michael "Big Mike" Oher is a Tennessee teen who went from being homeless to becoming a college football star.

NCAA football fans, as well as NFL followers, will already know how this story turns out. And besides, this sort of story has to have a certain kind of ending.

About the Towns A NEW YEAR OF BAGELS, BALANCE, BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

by Phyllis Nissen

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.
A REAL 'CUTTS'-UP IN NORTH READING.

"By day, Larry Cutts is the mild-mannered proprietor of Sunrise Bagels & Kitchen, a popular breakfast and sandwich shop on North Reading's Route 28 for over 15 years," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

By night, Cutts is an aspiring mystery writer who has just produced his first novel, 'A Single Drop of Blood,' which he admits is still a work in progress but he hopes to have published some day.

"Cutts worked on his novel in his spare time, after putting in 12-hour days at Sunrise, located in the Route 28 shopping plaza. A Single Drop of Blood is the story of Sterling,

an accountant with crushing alimony payments, a father with huge gambling debts and a touch of larceny in his heart.

"Trying to escape from these pressures, Sterling hatches a plan to commit what could be the perfect crime. But inevitably, someone winds up dead and Sterling's well-laid plans are foiled by...you guessed it...a single drop of blood."

"The story is set in the Boston area, and Sunrise Bagels customers may recognize a character who appears on page 102. He's the owner of a shop called Sunrise Bagels, named Larry, who immediately recognizes the main character in the story based on how he used to order his coffee years ago:

"Medium iced coffee, hazelnut, extra cream, two

sugars, stirred."

"Sound familiar?"

"Cutts turned to writing as a hobby because the punishing schedule of running his restaurant left little time for his other interests, which include painting and playing the piano...."

TAKING A LESSON IN TEWKSBURY

"Tewksbury's 'Lunch Ladies' saved taxpayers almost a quarter of a million dollars this year," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"Today, the entire 36-member Food Services Department is completely self-supporting covering salaries and benefits. Not a penny of taxpayer money funds this department; a department that is a familiar, as well as an essential and integral, part of school life."

"Karen Chanakia, Food Service Director, SNS, added that the department also picks up the cost for all its supplies, including paper and food."

"The overall budget for the department, which includes federal funding, is approximately \$1.2 million. The 36-member department has a full-time director, a part-time assistant/administrative person, 18 full-time employees and 16 part-time workers. They feed approximately 2,100 students at seven different schools within a two-hour period (10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and/or 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) and provide snacks for morning and afternoon extended day programs."

"However, success didn't happen overnight. Chanakia spent three years fine-tuning the department and the budget. 'It was a challenge but...' she said with a smile."

How was it done?

A not so simple balancing act, according to the report.

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HOME(TOWN)IMPROVEMENT IN READING

"A group of concerned Reading residents and businesses ... announced the formation of Making Reading Better, an informal organization that will initially focus on invigorating a positive culture

of service and advocacy by town management and staff to help residents and businesses in Reading accomplish their goals," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Making Reading Better will work with Town Government to encourage a climate that attracts and supports businesses while encouraging residential improvements and new commercial investment to help expand the town's financial health and quality of life."

"Reading is wonderful but anything less than the highest standards of service to residents and businesses could prevent us from achieving our full potential," said Mary Ann Quinn, Managing Broker Century 21 North Shore at the Depot and participant in Making Reading Better. "Reading is known for great schools and sound fiscal management."

Our goal is to extend that positive reputation and have Reading be recognized favorably by businesses and homeowners. The existence of confusing, conflicting and restrictive bylaws can make it challenging to get things done today. We want to help change the process to improve the perception and the customer experience in Reading."

"Making Reading Better has already made contact with Town officials and the Board of Selectmen and initial meetings have been positive experiences showing their willingness to work together toward these goals."

"Participation in Making Reading Better is free and open to all town residents and businesses. The website to collect customer service experiences and share related information could already be available. All immediate inquiries can be made to makingreadingbetter@yahoo.com."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net.

Calendar

From S-2

The Sweetser Lecture Series of Wakefield will offer three programs this spring.

The season kicks off with Northeastern University historian William Fowler, PhD speaking on "An American Crisis: George Washington's Newburgh Address." He is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16.

Appearing second will be Liz Walker, former WBZ TV news anchor. The minister, humanitarian, and journalist will speak on Wednesday, April 11 on "The Risk of Love: Crossing Cultural and Religious Boundaries."

Rounding out the series is Jack Levine, criminologist, author and Northeastern University professor of sociology and criminology. His topic, on May 20, is "Murder, Mayhem, and the Media."

All three lectures will be held in the Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church, 273 Vernon Street, Wakefield, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible.

Tickets cost \$10 each, or \$25 for the series. They are available at Smith's Drug Store, 390 Main Street, The Medicine Store, 409 Lowell Street, Silver Clay Jewelry, 391 Main Street or by mail from the Sweetser Lecture Committee, P.O. Box 1734, Wakefield, Ma. 01880

WINDSOR PLACE

ASSISTED LIVING EVENT

Windsor Place Assisted Living invites all to join for an Introduction to Massage Therapy and Wellness Qualities presented by Cindi Waldron, LCMT, NHP from Baer Family Chiropractic and Wellness Center.

The date is Wednesday, January 6 at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Anne Gallant, Activities Director at 978-988-2300, ext. 17.

SOUTHERN RAIL AT LINDEN TREE JANUARY 9

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse of Wakefield invites all to a night of bluegrass and gospel music and fun on Saturday, January 9. Back by popular request, the band Southern Rail will take to the

stage and kick off the second half of Linden Tree's 25th year celebrating your favorite performers.

This is a great opportunity to experience bluegrass music in an intimate, friendly venue.

The Linden Tree is located in the social hall of the Unitarian-Universalist Church 326 Main Street, downtown Wakefield. Homemade baked goods and beverages are available before the show begins and during intermission.

Tickets may be purchased at the door beginning at 7:30. Cost is \$15. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-246-2836.

www.LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org.

STURBRIDGE VILLAGE WINTER HOURS

Old Sturbridge Village has announced that the Village will change its winter schedule of operation this season and will expand its popular evening Christmas by Candlelight programs, doubling them to 12 Nights of Christmas. OSV is shifting its hours to better reflect visitor needs and preferences during the holiday and winter season.

The Village will shift to a five-day schedule for winter: open 9:30 - 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Evening admission is \$14 per person, \$12 for OSV members, children under 3 are free. For details and tickets visit www.osv.org.

After Christmas, Old Sturbridge Village will return to a daytime schedule for its popular school vacation week activities and will be open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 26 through Jan. 3.

LIVE EEL TANK DEBUTS AT PARKER

The Parker River National Wildlife Refuge is now displaying a live eel tank as part of its exhibits. This tank is located in the Visitor Center, 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport and is viewable while the visitor center is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: After the Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys, which NFL team has played the third-most games on Thanksgiving? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•Jamie Gillis, a senior goalkeeper from North Billerica, MA, and **KATHLEEN STRAZZERE, A SENIOR FROM WILMINGTON**, were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division II All-America Teams, released Thursday.

In a season full of milestones, Gillis and Strazzere are the first-ever UMass Lowell women's soccer players to earn All-American honors in the program's 15-year history.

Gillis was named to the First Team while Strazzere was cited to the Second Team. The duo led UMass Lowell to a 12-5-4 overall record - matching the school record for wins in a season - as well as a 10-3-2 clip in the Northeast-10 Conference, good for third place.

For the fourth time in five years, UMass Lowell advanced to the NCAA Tournament where it drew with Merrimack in the first

round (0-0) before falling 4-3 on penalty kicks after two overtime periods.

"This is certainly a well-deserved honor," said UML Head Coach Elie Monteiro. "Jamie and Kathleen have worked extremely hard throughout their careers. It is fantastic that they are able to graduate having been selected to the All-America teams."

The honors are the latest for Gillis and Strazzere, who were also named to the NSCAA East Region First Team and to the NE-10 First Team on Oct. 30. Additionally, Gillis was named the NE-10 Goalkeeper of the Year while Strazzere was named the Co-Defensive Player of the Year (alongside Franklin Pierce's Rachel Smith).

Over the last four years, Gillis and Strazzere have led the River Hawks to a record of 41-24-14, which includes three appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Together, they led a defensive unit which ranked among 2009 NCAA Division II leaders in save percentage (third, .889, 72/79), goals against average (fourth, 0.45) and shutout percentage (fifth, .667/14).

With the help of Strazzere, as well as defenders **COLLEEN FITZPATRICK (TEWKSBURY, MA)**, Michelle LaMar (Billerica,

MA), Jenna McIntosh (Johnstown, NY) and **ELLA MERULLO (WAKEFIELD, MA)**, Gillis set an NCAA Division II record for consecutive shutout minutes - 1,333 - which began in the 13th minute of a 3-1 at Stonehill Sept. 9 and ended in the 102nd minute of a 1-0 loss at Saint Rose on Oct. 24.

Gillis, who played every minute of every match in her career, compiled 7,453 minutes, which ranks as the second-highest total in Division II history. She capped her career with a slew of other school records, among them matches (79), shutouts (38) and goals against average in a career (0.809).

A forward turned defender, Strazzere also leaves with many plaudits, including matches played in a career by a field player (77, shared with Grace Larsen).

Gillis is the daughter of James and Denise Gillis of North Billerica, MA. Strazzere is the daughter of George and Karen Strazzere of Wilmington, MA.

• A U S T I N PREPARATORY SCHOOL SENIOR SHAWN LEAHY OF READING was recently honored for his exemplary talent and efforts this season at Austin's Fall Athletics Recognition Night. Leahy received the Coaches' Award for his role on the varsity soccer team. He is the son of Peter and Jean Leahy of Reading.

•Need some help with this week's question? They made their 31st Turkey Day appearance this year.

•Four men's lacrosse players, headlined by first-team selection **CORY SPINALE (WAKEFIELD, MA)** were named to Preseason All-Americans by Inside Lacrosse.

Spinale was a first-team selection, while **NICK MAGGIO (WINCHESTER, MA)** earned second-team honors, and Michael Balbuena (Falmouth, MA) and Shane Mahar (Slingerlands, NY) were honorable mentions. The four selections are the most among any Northeast-10 team, and one more than the

defending NE-10 Champion Le Moyne Dolphins.

"It shows that we have a very talented team returning and expect to contend for the National Championship again this year," said head coach Mike Morgan. "Nick, Cory, Shane and Mike have all worked very hard and we are happy for them that they were mentioned in this elite group. I believe this core group along with many other talented upperclassmen as well as our incoming class, can make this a very successful year."

Spinale, who is a two-time Northeast-10 all-conference selection and an All-American in 2008, is the lone goaltender on the first team. Now a senior, he was 14-3 with a .633 save percentage and a 7.25 goals-against last season.

Maggio emerged as Merrimack's top faceoff specialist in his freshman campaign in 2009 and earned all-rookie team honors by the Northeast-10. He won 61% of his draws and chipped in with a goal and four assists offensively.

Balbuena, an all-conference second-team selection in 2009, was sixth in the conference with 41 points (28 goals, 13 assists). He enters his junior season with 47 goals and 31 assists in his 32-game career.

Mahar, a junior for the 2010 season, emerged as a premiere defender in 2009, causing 15 turnovers and tallying 31 ground balls. His lone goal was the game-winner in the Northeast-10 Semifinals against Bentley.

The Merrimack men's lacrosse team advanced to its first-ever Final Four in 2009, losing just three times, while posting a 14-3 record. Led by third-year head coach Mike Morgan, they will open the 2010 season at C.W. Post, the 2009 defending champion on February 27 at 12 p.m.

•SENIOR DEFENDER MARK JOHNSON (WOBURN) and sophomore midfielder Kerlenz Benjamin have been selected to the 2009 Men's Soccer All-MASCAC team in voting by the leagues soccer coaches earlier this week. Both teammates received the nod for the first time. Johnson, a product of Woburn, MA, caps off a sensa-

tional four-year career as a Lancer as he was named to the First-team. This season Johnson primarily played on right back in 16 games this season, but he added a goal and an assist for a total of three points. The lone marker Johnson netted this season came in a 2-1 setback to regionally ranked Trinity.

Johnson finishes his time wearing a Worcester State uniform with one goal and three helpers in 72 games (71 starts).

Benjamin, who hails from Randolph, MA, was honored on the Second-team. Benjamin started in 14 of their 18 games this season and he tallied one point for an assist that game in a 2-1 triumph over St. Joes of Maine.

Worcester State finished the season at 2-14-2 and 0-5-2 in MASCAC play.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUES-

TION: The answer is the Green Bay Packers, who played Detroit every year on Thanksgiving from 1951 to 1963.

M.E. Santa From S-1

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Pantry From S-1

continually amazed by how willing and how often the people of the two communities are willing to step up to aid those in need.

"I think generosity is really one of the finer traits of Woburn and Winchester," she said. "I'm always astounded at the out-pouring of support we get, especially during those times when it's needed the most."

Colatrella points out in particular the efforts of the local postal workers, who conduct two food drives during the year. In addition to the national USPS food drive in May, Woburn letter carriers collect food during a separate drive at the end of October and early November, as a kickoff of the CSC's overall food drive for the holidays.

"I don't know of any other (group of postal workers) who do that," she said.

The Food Pantry is one of several programs offered by the Council of Social Concern, which is based on Merrimack Street, just off of North

Woburn Center.

The organization was founded in 1969 and was formerly known as the Woburn Council of Social Concern before focusing more on the regional aspects of its services, which include a renowned licensed early education and child care facility that also services residents of Wilmington and Burlington.

The center also offers a "family skill building program" for parents of children up to 12-years-old, in 7-week sessions.

The CSC also serves as a valuable source of information and referral to other community agencies in the area.

The CSC assists more than 2,750 people every year, and relies on the support of nearly 360 volunteers.

The Food Pantry is open to all households, through pre-arranged appointments, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Food Pantry is also open to individ-

uals who work or attend school during the day, through pre-arranged appointments, on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Those wishing to donate items to the Food Pantry may do so at the Council of Social Concern's headquarters between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Non-perishable items within their expiration date are accepted.

Anyone seeking more information about the Council of Social Concern's programs may call 781-935-6495. Specific questions about the Food Pantry can also be directed to Colatrella via that telephone number or via email to karen@socialconcern.org.

The Council of Social Concern also accepts donations through its website: www.socialconcern.org or by mail at 2 Merrimack St., Woburn, Mass. 01801.

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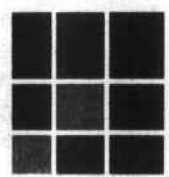
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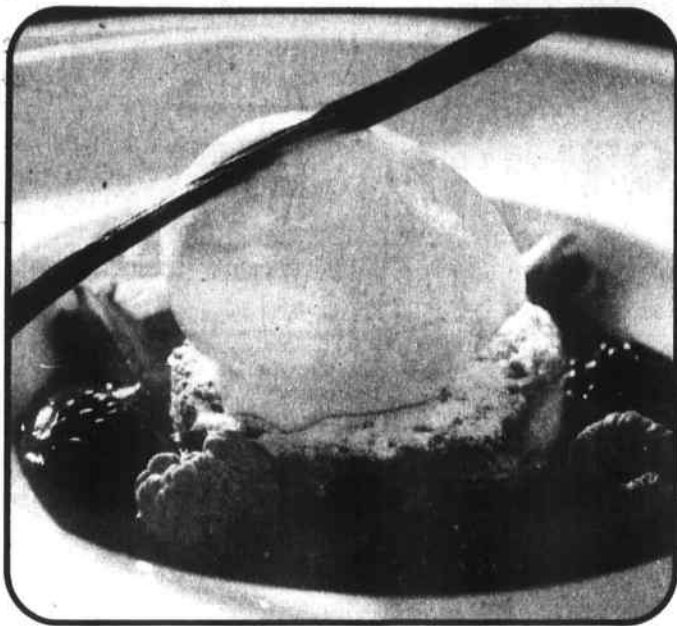
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PANETTONE SUNDAE WITH BERRIES

Recipe

Give guests the food they love

Of the many things people look forward to come the holiday season, food is at or near the top of many people's list. Beginning with Thanksgiving, the holiday season is the one time of year even the most health-conscious foodie allows for some leeway when it comes to daily diet.

For the especially ambitious party host, a truly memorable holiday party is one that acknowledges that love of holiday food but takes things one step further, offering guests more than the traditional holiday fare. Perhaps no ethnic food strikes a stronger chord than Italian cuisine, which seems to be a homerun with everyone regardless of one's nationality. Traditional Italian entrees always light up a guest's eyes.

But the entree isn't the only way hosts can give their holiday an Italian theme. Panettone, the traditional Italian sweet bread beloved across Italy, is now growing in popularity in the United States as well, with domestic sales up 14 percent.

For hosts hoping to give their holiday party an Italian theme from the first appetizing hors d'oeuvre to the final delectable dab of dessert, consider the following recipe for "Panettone Sundae with Berries" courtesy of Bauducco, makers of America's most popular Italian sweet bread.

Panettone Sundae with Berries

Serves 4

4 slices of Panettone

3/4 cup raspberries

3/4 cup strawberries

1/4 cup blueberries

1/4 cup blackberries

Salt-free butter

Confectioner's sugar

Vanilla ice cream

Ice cubes

In a blender, beat 1/2 cup of raspberries and 1/2 cup of strawberries with 2 tablespoons sugar. Add 8 ounce glass of ice cubes, a few cubes at a time, with the blender turned on. Pour puree through a fine sieve and set aside.

Cut the Panettone slices into medium-sized circles. In a skillet, add a tablespoon (one pat) of butter and brown the Panettone circles until crisp on both sides.

Remove from pan and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. Place a little of the cold berry puree on a plate, then Panettone and a little of remaining raspberry, strawberries, blueberries and blackberries. Top with a scoop of vanilla ice-cream and serve at once.

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2	1	9	3	5	2	6	4	7

ANSWER:

Get the scoop on shoveling snow safely

Heart attacks, strain on the back, muscle spasms, and additional conditions can all be side effects of shoveling snow. A required task in many regions of the country each winter, shoveling snow could turn into a medical emergency.

Typical winter conditions, such as temperatures below 20 F, a few inches of snow and the physical activity of shoveling, can cause death rates from heart attacks to triple among men 35 to 49 years old, say medical experts. While shoveling may seem like child's play, it's really the equivalent of playing an active game of tennis or doing speed walking. That's a big demand on the body, primarily for individuals who are not accustomed to such physical exertion.

Also, people underestimate just how many pounds of snow are being moved. On average, a shovel loaded with snow can weigh approximately 15 pounds. Repeatedly removing snow over the course of even a few minutes can add up to thousands of pounds.

Shoveling snow safely requires a few precautions.

* If you are prone to heart trouble, ask your doctor if it is safe to shovel snow. If not, hire a professional or a neighborhood kid to do the shoveling.

* Don't smoke or drink caffeine before starting to shovel. These substances can constrict blood vessels and compound problems of blood flow to and from the heart.

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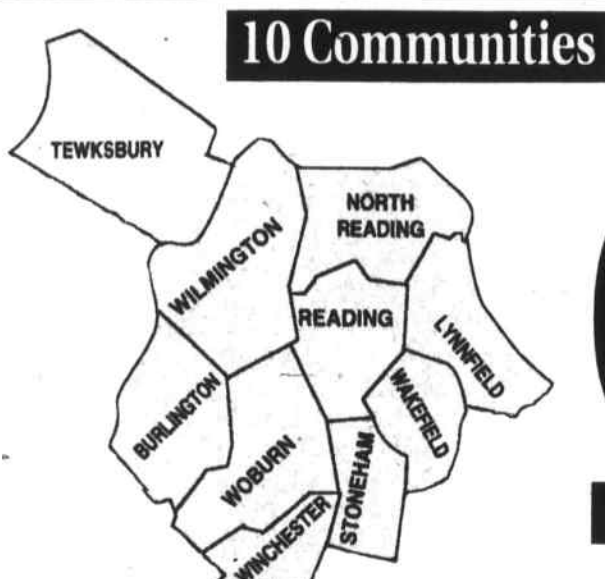
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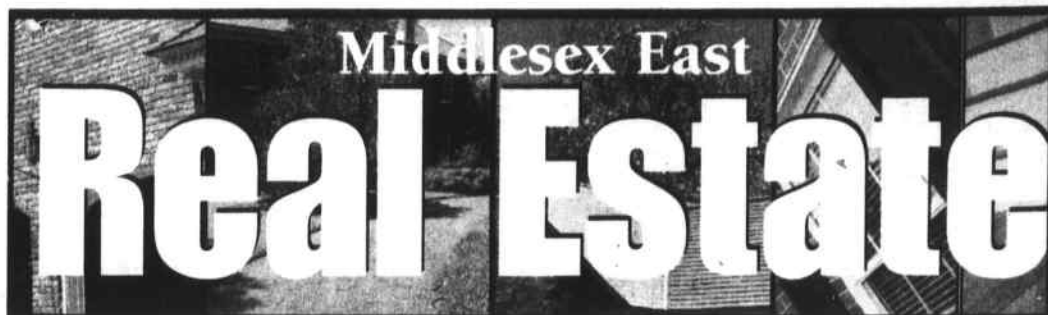
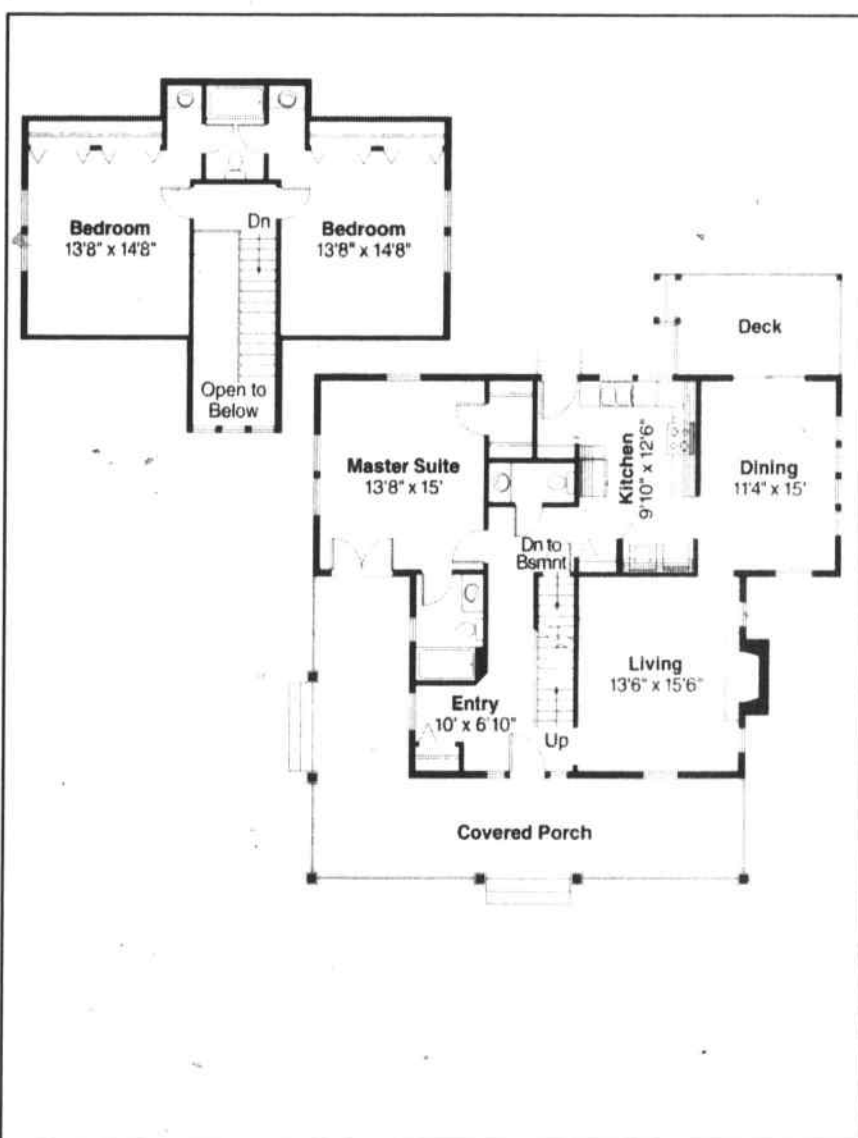
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Home prices rise again in October

NEW YORK (AP) — Home prices rose for the fifth month in a row in October, but the recovery is shaky with only 11 of the 20 metro areas tracked showing gains.

The Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller home price index released Tuesday edged up 0.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted reading of 145.36 in October from September. Without adjusting for seasonal factors the index was flat.

The index was off 7.3 percent from October last year, nearly matching expectations of economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters. Many economists, however, are predicting a double dip in prices this winter as foreclosures increase and government support wanes.

"I'd be very surprised if we don't go below the lows we hit this year," Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for

Economic and Policy Research, a left-leaning Washington think tank. "We still have a very glutted housing market."

The index is now up 3.4 percent from its bottom in May, but still almost 30 percent below its peak in April 2006.

There are also wide variations from around the country. Prices have climbed for at least six months in a row in Denver, Washington, Minneapolis and San Francisco, for example.

"We saw an unusually low amount of inventory on the market," which helped prices firm, said Frank Castaldini, an agent with Coldwell Banker in San Francisco.

Properties at the lower end — between \$500,000 and \$600,000 — also received multiple bids, partly due to a federal tax credit for first-time homebuyers, he said.

But in Chicago and Tampa, Fla., prices fell slightly from September. And there's no sign of a bottom in Las Vegas, where prices have tumbled by more than 56 percent from their peak in April 2006.

"People hear prices are getting better, but they're not here," said Penny O'Brien, a real estate agent with Re/Max Experience in Las Vegas. "Unemployment has got people scared of purchasing."

The tax credit didn't make a big dent in the Las Vegas market either, O'Brien said, because many first-time buyers were elbowed out by all-cash investors.

Home prices play a key role in the economy. Homeowners feel wealthier when property values rise and are more likely to spend money. Rising prices also help millions of homeowners who owe more to the banks than their houses are worth.

The positive trend in home prices and a better employment outlook helped raise the Consumer Confidence Index to 52.9 in December, up from a revised 50.6 the month before, the Conference Board reported Tuesday. While far below a 90 reading that would signify a solid economy, consumers' outlook on jobs over the next six months reached its highest level in two years.

The federal government has stepped in with far reaching programs to create jobs and make homeownership more affordable.

Home price gains since the summer reflect the rush of homebuyers trying to close their deals before the original expiration date of a federal tax credit. The Nov. 30 deadline was extended last month to April 30.

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12 FLASH ROAD was sold to Cilford P. Preble by Matthew and Donald Mcgrail for \$295,000

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20 EMERSON STREET was sold to Kevin and Erin Sexton by Deborah and Kent Hattery for \$450,500

908 GAZEBO CIRCLE #908 was sold to Susan Skerry by James Cornblatt for \$313,000

721 HAVERHILL STREET was sold to Eric and Lauren Daggett by Russell and Linda Howse for \$472,000

156 MAIN STREET was sold to 156 Main Street LLC by Laschi RT and Leatrice Laschi for \$1,500,000

211 MAIN STREET #2 was sold to Abdollah Hosseini by FNMA for \$160,000

128 SOUTH STREET was sold to Aurora Loan Svcs LLC by Richard Ghiozzi and Aurora Loan Services LLC for \$320,000

23 TENNYSON ROAD was sold to Stephen and Brandi Torchia by David and Nancy Servello for \$400,000

5 WASHINGTON STREET #D8 was sold to Barbara Zoe Dodd by Joseph and Lindsay Mancuso for \$193,469

-STONEHAM-

70 DUNKLEE AVENUE was sold to Deborah A Russell by William and Susan Harris for \$310,000

33 ISABELLA STREET was sold to Michelle Roche and James Hodgdon by John and Barbara Norton for \$400,000

46 ISABELLA STREET was sold to Anthony and Beth-anne

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Middlesex East Real Estate

This week's sampler: The Altadena



Altadena a charming, compact Craftsman

A welcoming front porch spans the front of the Altadena and wraps around to the left. The low-slung roofline, central dormer and thick, tapered porch columns are reminiscent of the Craftsman bungalows that were popular in the early 1900s.

Outside dimensions are 44 feet by 40 feet, allowing the home to fit neatly on a city lot. With close to 1,800 square feet of living space, this plan isn't large. But it's not to be underestimated. As a bonus, it's designed for construction over a full basement.

The entry has a high ceiling and is bright. Sunlight

streams in through three windows in the dormer overhead, bathing the stairs and hallway in natural light. The living room, off to the right, has a homey stone or brick fireplace.

None of the rooms run together in this plan. The dining room is well separated from both the kitchen and the living room, yet easily accessible from either direction.

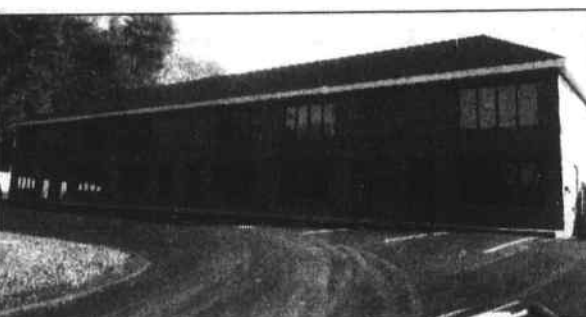
Standing at the kitchen sink, you can gaze out at the rear yard and a deck that could be extended to span the entire back of the house, if desired. Utilities hide behind folding doors, as does a small pantry. Lazy Susan shelving provides access to corner cupboards.

The master suite is roomy and practical, complete with a private bathroom and walk-in closet. French doors open onto the front porch.

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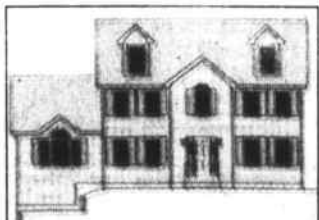
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